

## OPEN BURNING

10-3-1: **OUTDOOR LEAF AND LAWN BURNING:** Section F-403.3 of the BOCA Fire Prevention Code, 1999 Edition<sup>1</sup>, is hereby amended to also include the regulations as are outlined in this Section. (Ord. 6131, 2-26-1997; amd. Ord. 6448, 11-24-1999)

**A. Leaf Burning Restrictions:**

1. **Hours, Months And Days Permitted:** Outdoor leaf burning in the City shall be permitted only on **Wednesdays and Saturdays** of each week during the months of **October, November, and December**, and from **April 15 through May 30** and only **between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) P.M.** of each day. Outdoor leaf burning shall not be permitted at any other time other than those set forth in this Section. This Section shall not apply to the Park and Recreation Department of the City or to any cemetery located in the City. (Ord. 6516, 8-9-2000)

2. **Containers:** Such burning shall be permitted **only in containers** located not less than fifteen feet (15') from any **building or structure** on private property only, except that the Park Department of the City may conduct such outdoor leaf burning on publicly owned property, which burning shall be under direct Park Department supervision, and cemeteries may conduct such outdoor leaf burning under direct and continuous supervision. A "container" is defined as a metal burning barrel not to exceed fifty five (55) gallon capacity or a mesh barrel approximately the same size.

3. **Burning On Public Streets Prohibited:** Outdoor leaf burning shall be prohibited at all times on or in any public street or alley in the City.

4. **Burning Of Leaves Only:** Outdoor leaf burning shall include only leaves fallen from trees, plants, and shrubs. It shall not include burning of any trash, garbage, or other disposables or any other material of any nature whatsoever. (Ord. 6131, 2-26-1997)

**B. Lawns:** A bona fide property owner or tenant may conduct lawn burning any day of the year during daylight hours. Such burning shall require the tenant or owner to remain on said property until all burning has ceased and have a readily available method to control or extinguish such burning. (Ord. 6131, 2-26-1997; amd. 1999 Code)

**C. Burning During Atmospheric Conditions:** Outdoor leaf or lawn burning which is permitted under this Chapter may be prohibited at any time when, in the opinion of the appropriate and proper official of the City or the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, atmospheric conditions are such that open leaf or lawn burning would prove harmful to the citizens of the City.

**D. Use Of Flammable Liquids:** Flammable liquid should not be used in the burning at any time. If at any time the fire appears to be spreading or getting out of hand, the Alton Fire Department should be called immediately. (Ord. 6131, 2-26-1997)