

City of Altamont Burning Policy
Effective 06/13/2019

The City of Altamont does not allow burning per Sanitation Ordinance. The following exceptions and regulations will apply:

The City of Altamont will allow the following year round without a burn permit:

1. Monitored burning in barbeque grills, smokers, chimeneas, fire rings, and campfires.
2. Ceremonial bonfires (i.e. school, church, 4-H or other organized events) will be allowed with preauthorization and written permission from the Fire Chief; Each request must list the time frame of burning.
3. Training for City firefighters.
4. Fire on lands for agricultural operations related to crop management.

The City of Altamont will only allow the following from September 1st through June 30th:

1. The burning of sticks, limbs, leaves, yard clippings, and yard waste will be allowed with the following provisions:
 - a. Fire must be attended by an adult at all times.
 - b. A charged water hose shall be nearby as well as a rake or shovel.
 - c. Burning is allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and sunset September 1st through June 30th only.
 - d. Burning shall not be conducted when the surface wind speed is less than 5 mph or in excess of 15 mph.
 - e. Burning shall be 25 feet away from any gas meter, overhead lines, structure or vehicle.
 - f. No burning after dark. Coals and ashes will be thoroughly soaked upon completion of burn.
 - g. No burning is permitted which creates a nuisance.
 - h. No burning is permitted which creates traffic or other safety hazards.
 - i. Absolutely no burning on curbs, streets, alleys, ditches or sidewalks.
 - j. Citizens must notify the City Office and purchase an annual burn permit prior to burning. A yearly permit is \$10.00. Permits may be obtained through the City Office Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or Friday 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. A copy of the burn policy will be provided when the permit is purchased. The burn permit will be logged with name, address, date, and acknowledgement of receiving a copy of the burn policy.
 - k. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to notify the Police Department at 620-784-5582 each time there is a burn. Any officer notified or witnessing any violations of the burn policy will note it on their daily shift log, address it with subject(s) burning, and have them comply with the burn policy immediately. Any refusal to comply with this policy will result in the Fire Department being contacted to come extinguish the fire, a citation issued for the violation, and loss of burning privileges within the City of Altamont.
 - l. Burn permits may be obtained after hours by contacting the Police Department at 620-784-5582.

Absolutely no household trash, paper, oils, tires, construction debris, tarpaper, shingles, boxes, combustible materials, etc. shall be burned at any time per Sanitation Ordinance.

Absolutely no burning while there is a red flag warning or county wide burn ban.

Please be considerate of your neighbors when you burn.

Penalty: Per Burn Policy, penalty is \$250 citation plus court costs.

Policy adopted on June 13, 2019 by the Governing Body of the City of Altamont.