

# OPEN BURNING WITHIN THE CITY OF DES MOINES

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Open burning within the City of Des Moines is not allowed without a permit. The State of Iowa Administrative Code 567-23.2(455B) governs open burning within the City of Des Moines along with Polk County Board of Health Rules and Regulations Chapter 5 Air Pollution and the City of Des Moines Municipal Code 46-1(g).

The City of Des Moines burn permit request process depends on whether you live in Polk or Warren County, instructions are below:

## **Polk County**

All requests for permits to open burn within the City of Des Moines in Polk County must be made to:

Polk County Air Quality Division  
5885 NE 14th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50313  
Attn: Jeremy Becker  
Office: (515) 286-3705  
Fax: (515) 286-3437

## **Warren County**

Requests for recreational/bonfire and flag burning permits within the City of Des Moines in Warren County must be made by submitting an application form, found on the City of Des Moines website:

<http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Fire/PDF/City%20of%20Des%20Moines%20-%20Warren%20County%20Burn%20Permit%20Application.pdf>

Requests for any other type of burning must be made to:

Iowa DNR Air Quality Bureau  
7900 Hickman Rd  
Windsor Heights, IA 50324  
Office: (515) 725-9500

Or contact Dennis Thielen with the Iowa DNR directly at 515-725-9545

Any comments or questions regarding the above information may be submitted to:

City of Des Moines Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
2715 Dean Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50317  
Office: (515) 283-4240  
Fax: (515) 283-4907  
Email: [firedept@dmgov.org](mailto:firedept@dmgov.org)