

**Fire Prevention is
Everyone's job.**

- *Smoke detectors and fire sprinklers save lives.*
- *Test your smoke detector monthly.*
- *Change your smoke detector's battery every year.*
- *Plan and practice home fire drill and have an outside meeting place.*

For More Information
Contact the
Countryside Fire
Protection District

Non-emergency #
847-367-5511

Visit our web site at
www.countrysidefire.com

**Emergency
Call 9-1-1**

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**Countryside Fire Protection District
600 N. Deerpath Dr.
Vernon Hills, IL. 60061-1804**

**A Guide To
OPEN
BURNING
In the
Countryside Fire
Protection District**

*PROUDLY SERVING
Vernon Hills, Hawthorn Woods, Long Grove, Kildeer, Indian Creek, and
Unincorporated areas of Lake County since 1959.*



**Jeff Steingart
Fire Chief**

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It's the LAW!



The burning of landscape waste has been an issue of intense and often heated debate at both the state and the local levels for the past decade. Landscape waste includes leaves, grass, tree limbs, shrubbery cuttings and other materials accumulated on the property.

Is it legal to burn leaves in Illinois?

The answer depends on the local laws and ordinances, as units of local governments have the authority to impose leaf-burning bans. Permission by the local fire department is also required for open burning of leaves, twigs and small branches.

Illegal Open Burning

A citation for illegal fires may be issued by the Lake County Sheriff Deputies, municipal code officials in the appropriate village and/or the Countryside Fire Protection District.

Citations can be as much as \$500.00 per violation.

Village / Lake County Regulations & Guidelines



Vernon Hills - Open Burning is not permitted. Outdoor fireplaces are permitted only when firewood is used in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

Hawthorn Woods - Burning of leaves is permitted during the spring and fall on Wednesdays and Saturdays during day light hours. Spring Days are April 1st to May 15th. Fall Days are October 15th to November 30th.

Long Grove - The burning of leaves or grass clippings are not permitted. Burning of twigs, branches and small trees is permitted provided that the piles are limited to 3'x3'x3' and that these items are generated on the property. With a permit, prairie conservation areas are allowed to be burned in a controlled manner. Permits and guidelines are provided at the Long Grove Fire Protection District (847-634-3035) or Countryside Fire Protection District (847-367-5511).

Indian Creek & Unincorporated Lake County - Burning of leaves is permitted during day light hours.

Bonfires- Requires notification and approval from the Countryside Fire Protection District.

Please call the Countryside Fire Dispatch at 847-918-6110 (non-emergency) to let the us know that you will be burning.

Do's and Don'ts For Open Burning

- Please call the Countryside Fire Dispatch @ 847-918-6110 (non-emergency) before you start burning.
- Burning should take place during the day light hours. Best time of the day to burn is the mid-morning to mid-afternoon as smoke should disperse quicker.
- Open burning must be attended at all times.
- A water source of some sort must be provided. This can be a water hose or a fire extinguisher.
- The location of any open burning should NOT be within 50' from any structure.
- Materials being burned are limited to landscape waste generated on the property of the burn site. No other materials or accelerants are permitted.
- Wind velocity must exceed 5 MPH and must not exceed 15 MPH.
- Smoke from open burning shall not obstruct visibility on roadways, etc.
- Fire or smoke must not create a hazard or nuisance situation. Be courteous and respectful to your neighbors especially those with breathing problems.
- Outdoor grills and metal fire pits are limited to recreation and cooking fires.