



**Grand Chute Fire Department**

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**Bonfire Permit Application**  
**Municipal Code: 291-5**

**\$50 Permit Fee as prescribed in the Municipal Fee Schedule shall be paid with submittal of application. Payments are accepted by mail, in person, or over the phone with cash, check, or credit card (for a small convenience fee.) Checks should be made payable to "Town of Grand Chute."**

All permits are issued as required by the Grand Chute Municipal Code. This permit is not transferable. This permit may be revoked for any violation of Town or State codes, false statements, or misrepresentation as to a material fact in the application or plans on which the permit or approval was based. The penalty for failure to obtain a permit as required under the Municipal Code is prescribed in the Uniform Forfeiture and Bond Schedules plus the cost of prosecution, as described in Municipal Code Section 291-12.

**Please print or type all information below. Incomplete applications will be returned.**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Site Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If different than applicant:**

**Property Owner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Property Owner Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill in Permit Date:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Permit good for one day only.**

**Some permit applications may require an inspection of the site address prior to approval.  
You may not burn until an approved permit has been provided.**

**How would you like to receive your permit (select all that apply)?**

Applicant Email	Property Owner Email
Mailed to Applicant at Permit Site Address	Mailed to Property Owner Address
Call Applicant to Pick Up	Call Property Owner to Pick Up

By signing this permit application, I agree to comply with all applicable provisions of the Town of Grand Chute Municipal Code and any additional special restrictions deemed necessary to insure public health and safety. I also acknowledge that I have been given the opportunity to receive a copy of *Section 291-5: Outdoor Burning and Refuse Burning*, and that although certain portions of Section 291-5 are included on the back of this form, they are included for my quick reference only and do not constitute the entire Municipal Code.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this permit application, I am allowing a bonfire to be started and maintained on my property in accordance to Section 291-5 of the Town of Grand Chute Municipal Code.

**Property Owner Signature** *(if different from applicant)* \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only**

Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Rec'd: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Credit Card Payment Rec'd By: \_\_\_\_\_

## Selected portions of Municipal Code Section 291-5

**E.** Materials that may not be burned. The areas in this section where burning is authorized allow for the burning of clean wood only. The burning of garbage, trash, refuse, recyclables, flammable/combustible liquids in any form, and construction debris is not allowed. Accelerants or chemicals shall not be used to kindle any fires.

**K.** Bonfires.

- (1) Bonfires are allowed only if approved by and in accordance with provisions established by the Code Official.
- (2) Bonfires shall be at least 50 feet from any form of a building or structure, combustible material of any form, or property line.
- (3) Bonfires shall not be lit or started when the wind direction shall cause combustibles or ignited materials to be carried by the wind toward any form of a building or structure or combustible material of any form.
- (4) Bonfires shall be conducted only following the inspection of the site where burning is to occur, payment of the permit fee, and issuance of and in accordance with the bonfire permit.

**O.** Burning permits.

- (5) A bonfire permit shall be good for one date only. If the bonfire is cancelled due to inclement weather, the permit may be reissued at no cost at the discretion of the Code Official.
- (10) No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream or water body.
- (11) No materials shall be burned when the wind exceeds 10 miles per hour (nine knots) as determined by the Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) at Outagamie County Regional Airport. Burning permits of any kind are considered temporarily revoked when wind speeds exceed 10 miles per hour (nine knots). Permitted burning can resume once the wind speed drops below the allowable limits.
- (12) All fires shall not create smoke that causes a public nuisance, complaints from neighbors, or a visibility hazard on any form of transportation route. "Public nuisance" is defined as set forth in Chapter 398 of the Town Code.
- (13) All persons who start or maintain a fire shall have the property owner's permission before doing so.
- (14) All fires shall not be left unattended at any time and shall be supervised by a competent person of at least 18 years of age until the fire is extinguished.
- (15) All permitted fires shall have fire-extinguishing equipment readily available as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.
- (16) When weather conditions warrant, the Fire Chief or designee may declare a burning moratorium (burning ban) and temporarily suspend previously issued burning permits for all burning.
- (17) The issued burning permit shall be posted or otherwise readily accessible for inspection by the Fire Chief, Code Official, or police officer.
- (18) A burning permit issued under this section shall require compliance with all applicable provisions of this section and any additional special restrictions deemed necessary to ensure public health and safety.

**P.** Liability. A person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for all fire suppression costs and any other liability resulting from damage caused by the fire.

**Q.** Right of inspection. The Code Official may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this section. If the owner or occupant of the premises denies access to the property for this purpose, a special inspection warrant may be obtained in accordance with § 66.0119, Wis. Stats.

**S.** Enforcement and penalties.

(2) Any party who has started or maintains any agricultural burn, bonfire, recreational fire or barbecue pit, prescribed burn, or any commercial burning as permitted shall pay any and all costs incurred by the Fire Department for any service-related call as a result of a fire not in compliance with these requirements, if deemed necessary by the Fire Chief or designee.