

East Moline City Code

6-3-4: BONFIRES:

(A) Permit Required: No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on or in any public street, alley or other public place in the City, without having first secured a permit from the Fire Chief.

(B) Location Restricted: No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private land unless:

1. The location is not less than fifty feet (50') from any structure and adequate provision is made to prevent fire from spreading to within fifty feet (50') of any structure or building.
2. The fire is contained in any approved waste burner with closed top, located safely not less than fifteen feet (15') from any structure.
3. Such fires are attended.

(C) Chief May Prohibit: The Chief of the Fire Department may prohibit any or all bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

(D) Kindling Of Fire On Land Of Others: No person shall kindle a fire upon the land of another without permission of the owner thereof or his agent. (M.C. 1962, sec. 28.013)

6-3-5: BURNING OF LEAVES OR REFUSE:

(A) It shall be lawful to burn dry leaves in the City of East Moline on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. through five o'clock (5:00) P.M.

(B) Burning of leaves shall not be conducted within twenty five feet (25') of any structure or other combustible material.

(C) A garden hose or a bucket of water shall be readily available for use at the burning site.

(D) Burning of leaves shall be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is completely extinguished.

(E) No person shall kindle, maintain or cause to be kindled or maintained, any fire on City right-of-way, street, avenue, alley, drainage ditch, easement or park.

(F) The Fire Chief or his agent may prohibit burning of leaves when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

(G) Burning of rubbish or trash is strictly prohibited in the City of East Moline. Rubbish shall include paper products, garbage, or waste material from construction, demolition, or renovation of buildings.

(H) Any person, business or municipality may burn landscape, or conduct open burning, only upon obtaining, after application, a permit, as required, from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and in accordance with the International Fire Code 2000 Edition, and upon issuance of a permit, as required, by the appropriate City Code Enforcement Official. The Lawful burning of leaves, in accordance with the provisions of this Section, shall not be prohibited b this paragraph.

To apply for a permit, please contact:

Illinois EPA, Bureau of Air / Permits
P.O. Box 19506
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506
(217) 782-7187

(I) Permits are not required for small fires kindled in or upon the ground, or in a barbecue pit, exterior fireplace or cookout device. (Ord. 91-30, 10-7-1991)

6-3-6: COMBUSTIBLE REFUSE:

It shall be unlawful to permit or store any combustible refuse in such a way as to create a fire hazard or to store or throw any refuse of any kind in an alley, street or public way in the City. (M.C. 1962, sec. 28.012)