

City of Bethany
Office of Code Enforcement

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Open Burning in City Limits

Within the City limits of Bethany, yard waste is permitted to be burned under Missouri State regulations. Any waste generated by a business, trade, industry, or any demolition operation cannot be burned. Missouri State regulation allows open burning of household yard waste originating on premise from four dwelling units or less on the same premise. Residential solid waste such as paper waste and garbage burning is not permitted at any time within the city limits. Open burning of tree trunks, tree limbs and vegetation from land clearing is not allowed within the city limits.

No Burning of any kind is permitted when weather is windy or dry.

Rules on Open Burning, Yard Waste:

1. Fires only allowed during daylight hours.
2. No fire within 15 feet of any building.
3. All fires shall be monitored from a point close to where the fire is located by a person capable of containing a fire, should that be necessary.
4. Yard waste (leaves, small limbs) **only**; no trash, paper, lumber or building debris may be burned.
5. Fire fighting material including a garden hose or a container of water sufficient to contain any fire started must be at the site of the fire.
6. Notice to the City of Bethany before you start burning.

Any person, firm, or business entity found to be in violation of these regulations shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation and shall be fined not exceeding five hundred (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the City or County Jail not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Article III, Section 100.220 General Penalty)

Residents are encouraged to explore alternative to open burning. Leaves may be hauled to the city compost site for disposal, collect them in your own compost site for gardening use, or mowing them into fine particles to fertilize your lawn.