MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Cedar Rapids Fire Department is to mitigate threats to the health and property of our community through emergency response, quality education and prevention programs.

VISION STATEMENT

Working together to make Cedar Rapids a safer community.

VALUES

Respect: Through demonstration by recognizing honesty, fairness, loyalty, and dignity of others.

Leadership: Leadership is everyone’s responsibility.

Teamwork: A cooperative effort through communication and vision to achieve our common goal.

Service: An excellent, specialized, and progressive benefit.

Cedar Rapids Fire Department

Fire Marshal’s Office

Central Fire Station
713 First Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, IA  52401 USA

Phone: 319-286-5166
Fax: 319-286-5250
www.cedar-rapids.org/fire

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IS YOUR FIRE LEGAL?

- Is the fire at least 25 feet from a structure? Reduced to 15 feet if covered.
- Is the fuel clean, dry firewood only?
- Is the fuel area less than 36” in diameter and less than 24” in height?
- Is the fire being supervised at all time?
- Can the fire be extinguished immediately (e.g. hose, extinguisher)?
- Is the wind speed less than 15 mph?
- Is the smoke affecting neighboring properties?

EXAMPLES OF ILLEGAL BURNING

- Burning leaves, grass
- Garbage
- Tires, rubber products
- Dead animals
- Paint
- Used oil, tar
- Plastic and/or contaminated wood

Note: The above are examples only and not a complete list.

DISCONTINUANCE

- The fire department is authorized to require recreational fires to be immediately discontinued.
- County Burn Ban: The City of Cedar Rapids complies with all County or State of Iowa burn bans.
- Illegal burning can result in an Air Pollution Complaint report and a possible $250 fine.

OPEN BURNING: CEDAR RAPIDS

A permit is required to conduct open burning in the city and can be obtained at the Linn County Health Department. Permits must be readily available to the Fire Department upon request. An open burning permit is not required for recreational fires.

Examples of open burning that requires a permit:
- Firefighter training such as burning a house or college prairie grass projects.

To obtain and Open Burning Permit, Linn County Code of Ordinance section 10.63(2), contact:

Linn County Health Department
501-13th ST NW
Cedar Rapids, IA  52405 USA
319.892.6000