

Pennington County, Burning Regulations

<https://www.pennco.org/burnregs>

(East of South Dakota Highway 79)

OPEN BURNING Ordinance #726, June 3rd, 2021

<https://www.pennco.org/ordinance726>

Ordinance #726 applies to all areas in Pennington County except: (1) the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District; (2) any municipality and, (3) any land in Pennington County that is under the ownership or jurisdiction of the Federal Government or State of South Dakota.

South Dakota Codified Law 7-8-20(18), Allows the County Commissioners: *To prohibit or restrict open burning, after consultation with local fire officials and law enforcement officials, in order to protect the public health and safety.*

Pennington County Board of Commissioners **Ordinance #726, approved on June 3, 2021**, allows the County to prohibit open burning under certain conditions based on the National Weather Service Grassland Fire Danger Index. Penalty is \$500 fine or 30 days in jail or both.

National Weather Service Grasslands Fire Danger Index (1)	Activities					
	Open Burning (i.e. burn piles, slash, fires not contained within a fully enclosed fire box or structure, no chimney, duct or stack)	Burn Barrels (metal container with a covered grate) See "Burn Barrel Regulations illustration"	Camp Fires at commercial Camp-grounds (i.e. private only, cannot regulate state or federal)	Branding Iron Burner (i.e. any type of stove furnace device or pit used for branding livestock) *corral, pasture or livestock facility setting	Grills (gas or charcoal) (i.e. used for cooking outdoors)	Fireplace, outdoors (i.e. commercial or homemade that have chimney & screen)
Unknown	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Low	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Moderate	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
High	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Very High	Prohibited	Prohibited	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Extreme	Prohibited	Prohibited	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed

Demolition burns are regulated by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, (SD-DANR) Waste Management Division <https://danr.sd.gov/>

National Weather Service, grassland fire index: Graphic: <https://www.weather.gov/unr/rfd>

Residents who live inside the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District: (West of Highway 79) should check with South Dakota Wildland Fire at (605-394-2582 / 605-394-2583 or 605-393-8011) regarding state law and open burning and camp fire permit requirements. <https://wildlandfire.sd.gov/burnpermits/burnpermits.aspx>

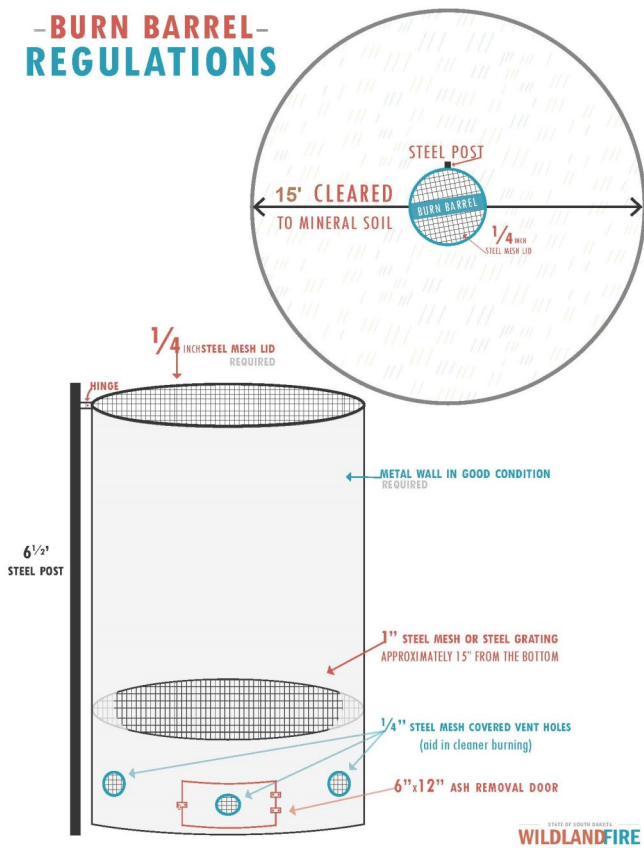
Residents of Rapid City must contact the Rapid City Fire Department at 605-394-4180 / 5233 for questions about open burning, fire places, etc. : <https://www.rcgov.org/departments/fire-department/wildfire-fire-safety/outdoor-burning-info-769.html> ; <https://www.rcgov.org/departments/community-planning-development/air-quality/air-quality-open-burning-358.html>

Air Quality Control Zone and Open burning

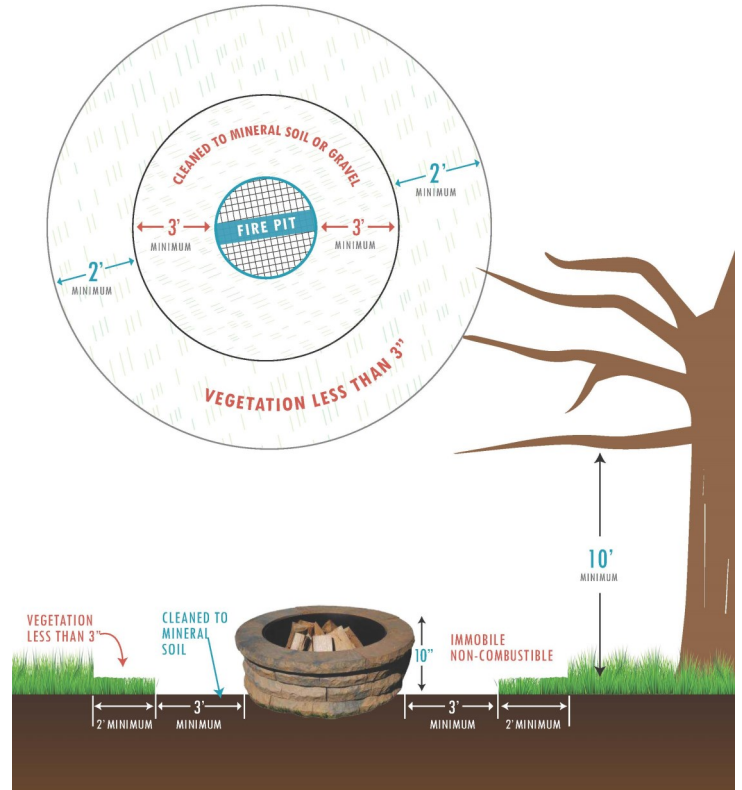
PENNINGTON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO 12: Fugitive Emissions and the Abatement of Smoke: <https://www.pennco.org/ordinance12>

Contact the Rapid City Air Quality staff for outdoor air quality complaints related to fugitive dust and smoke at: 605.394.4120

-BURN BARREL- REGULATIONS



-OUTDOOR FIRE PIT- REGULATIONS



Black Hills Fire Protection District (West of Highway 79)

All burns in the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District require a burn permit, even on private land.

Burn permits can be obtained from South Dakota Wildland Fire.

<https://apps.sd.gov/aq73burnpermit/>

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