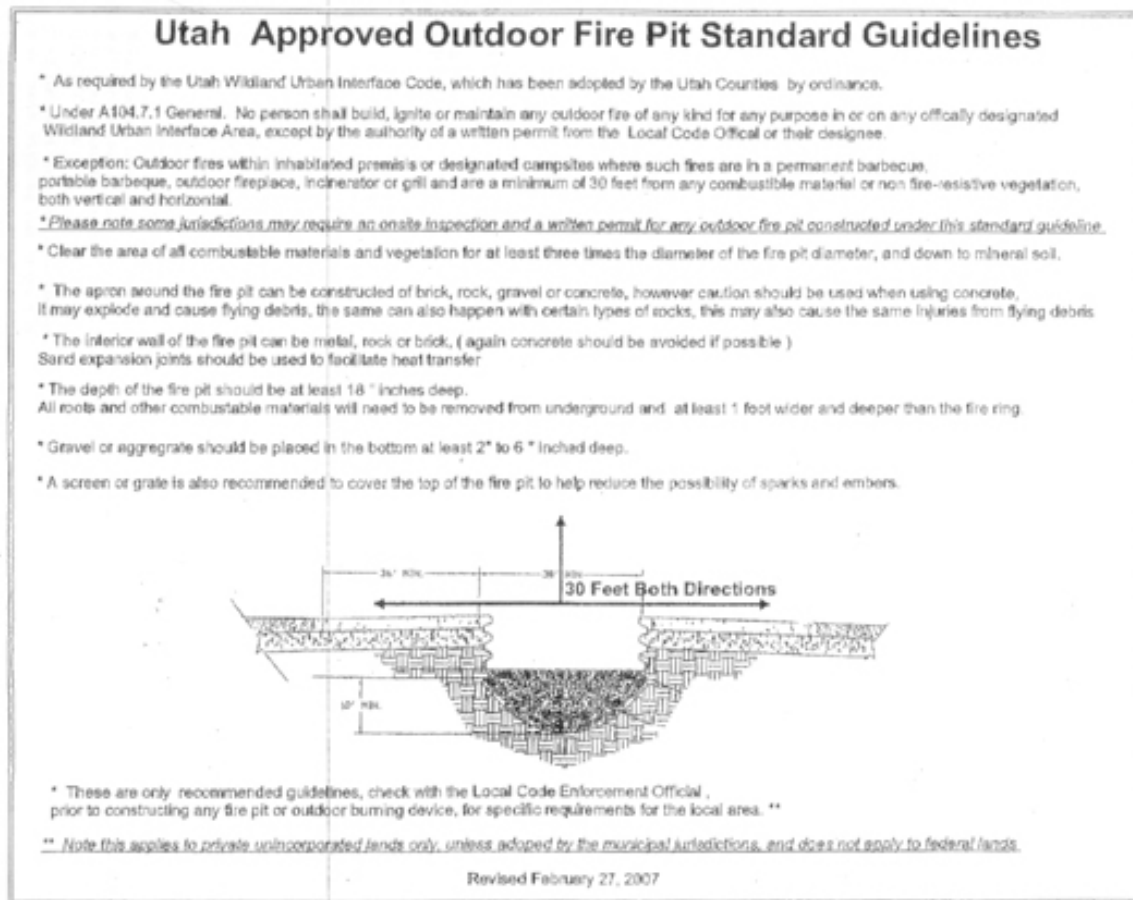


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Rule R307-202. Emission Standards: General Burning.

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R307-202-1. Definitions and Exclusions.

As provided in Section 19-2-114, the provisions of R307-202 are not applicable to:

(1) burning incident to horticultural or agricultural operations of:

(a) prunings from trees, bushes, and plants; or

(b) dead or diseased trees, bushes, and plants, including stubble;

(2) burning of weed growth along ditch banks incident to clearing these ditches for irrigation purposes;

(3) controlled heating of orchards or other crops to lessen the chances of their being frozen so long as the emissions from this heating do not violate minimum standards set by the board; and

(4) the controlled burning of not more than two structures per year by an organized and operating fire department for the purpose of training fire service personnel when the United States Weather Service clearing index is above 500.

See also Section 11-7-1(2)(a).

R307-202-2. Community Waste Disposal.

No open burning shall be done at sites used for disposal of community trash, garbage and other wastes except as authorized through a variance or as authorized for a specific period of time by the Board on the basis of justifiable circumstances reviewed and weighed in terms of pollution effects and other relevant considerations at an appropriate hearing following written application.

R307-202-3. General Prohibitions.

No person shall burn any trash, garbage or other wastes, or shall conduct any salvage operation by open burning except in conformity with the provisions of R307-202-4 and 5.

R307-202-4. Permissible Burning - Without Permit.

When not prohibited by other laws or by other officials having jurisdiction and provided that a nuisance as defined in Section 76-10-803 is not created, the following types of open burning are permissible without the necessity of securing a permit:

- (1) in devices for the primary purpose of preparing food such as outdoor grills and fireplaces;
- (2) campfires and fires used solely for recreational purposes where such fires are under control of a responsible person;
- (3) in indoor fireplaces and residential solid fuel burning devices except as provided in R307-302- 2;
- (4) properly operated industrial flares for combustion of flammable gases; and
- (5) burning, on the premises, of combustible household wastes generated by occupants of dwellings of four family units or less in those areas only where no public or duly licensed disposal service is available.

R307-202-5. Permissible Burning - With Permit.

(1) Open burning is authorized by the issuance of a permit as specified in (3) below when not prohibited by other laws or other officials having jurisdiction, and when a nuisance as defined in Section 76-10-803 is not created.

(2) Individual permits for the types of burning listed in (3) below may be issued by an authorized local authority under the "clearing index" system approved and coordinated by the Department of Environmental Quality.

(3) Types of burning for which a permit may be granted are:

- (a) open burning of tree cuttings and slash in forest areas where the cuttings accrue from pulping, lumbering, and similar operations, but excluding waste from sawmill operations such as sawdust and scrap lumber;
- (b) open burning of trees and brush within railroad rights-of-way provided that dirt is removed from stumps before burning, and that tires, oil more dense than #2 fuel oil or other materials which can cause severe air pollution are not used to start fires or keep fires burning;
- (c) open burning of solid or liquid fuels or structures for removal of hazards or eyesores;
- (d) open burning, in remote areas, of highly explosive or other hazardous materials, for which there is no other known practical method of disposal;
- (e) open burning of clippings, bushes, plants and prunings from trees incident to property clean-up activities provided that the following conditions have been met:

(i) in any area of the state, the local county fire marshal has established a 30 day period between March 1 and May 30 for such burning to occur and notified the executive secretary of the open burning period prior to the commencement of the 30 day period, or, in areas which are located outside of Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Utah Counties, the local county fire marshal has established, if allowed by the state forester under Section 65A-8-9, a 30 day period between September 15 and October 30 for such burning to occur and has notified the executive secretary of the opening burning period prior to the commencement of the 30 day period;

(ii) such burning occurs during the period established by the local county fire marshal;

(iii) materials to be burned are thoroughly dry;

(iv) no trash, rubbish, tires, or oil are used to start fires or included in the material to be burned.

(4) The Board may grant a permit for types of open burning not specified in (3) above on written application if the Board finds that the burning is not inconsistent with the State Implementation Plan.

R307-202-6. Special Conditions.

Open burning for special purposes, or under unusual or emergency circumstances may be approved by the executive secretary.

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