

# ST. TAMMANY PARISH BURN ORDINANCE

In 1991, The St. Tammany Parish Police Jury adopted several ordinances which amended the parish's nuisance and fire prevention laws. The changes state that it shall no longer be considered a violation of the applicable ordinances to burn leaves and other yard debris such as pine needles, pine cones, shrubs, brush, and cut lumber on home sites within the geographical boundaries of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11, provided certain restrictions are followed.

**The ordinance does not allow burning of household trash and garbage, nor does it permit burning of any sort of land clearing and/or construction sites. No materials that create black toxic smoke, such as; tires, rubber, asphalt, plastics, and petroleum products may be used to accelerate the fire.**

It should also be understood by the property owner that even if the fire is not in violation of parish code, it may still be a violation of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's "Air Quality Regulations." Compliance with the parish ordinances is no protection against being cited/fined by the D.E.Q.

## **The regulations are:**

- The fire shall not be greater than 8ft in diameter.
- The height of burning material shall not be greater than 4ft.
- Burning shall only occur between sunrise and one hour before sunset.
- The fire site shall be attended at all times.
- A functional water hose attached to an operating water supply shall be located next to the fire.
- The fire site shall be at least 10ft from the property line.
- There shall be no more than one fire site per home site or parcel of land.
- The fire site shall be located at least 50ft from any structure. If closer than 50ft, a container must be used.

The proceeding information is for informative purposes only. It is not a burn permit, nor does it give you permission to burn in violation of any other local or state regulations.

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