

CITY OF OSWEGO
STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES

BURNING OF LEAVES AND GRASS

The City of Oswego encourages use of the compost program. To minimize a safety concern where leaves are restricting storm drains and culverts, limited burning seasons in the Fall and Spring may be established by the City for four week periods or more at the Fire Chief's direction. (The burning period may be shortened or lengthened depending on weather. This policy only covers burning of leaves and grass not cookouts involving hot dogs, hamburgers, grills, etc.)

1. Only yard and garden waste may be burned. No tree limbs larger than three (3) inches in diameter or longer than four (4) feet may be burnt.
2. Piles must be of a manageable size (5 foot x 5 foot) so as to be able to break the pile apart without machinery. To preclude excessive smoke, individuals must not burn damp leaves.
3. Burning will not be allowed during periods when the wind is in excess of ten (10) miles per hour.
4. All fires must be supervised by a person over the age of eighteen (18) until extinguished.
5. A garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment must be available at the burning site.
6. Burning is not allowed in public traffic ways and alleys.
7. The location must be as far as possible from existing structures.
8. If the Oswego Fire Department responds to a fire that grew due to gross negligence or violation of this policy, the property owner will be assessed a minimum of \$50 per call plus salary costs of the responding firemen, but not to exceed \$100.
9. In consultation with the City Administrator, the Fire Department under the Fire Chief's supervision, or his designated officer, may conduct burns outside of the burning period.

Please be considerate of your neighbors should you burn on your property.

Adopted this 14th day of April 199



JAMES D. STEPHENS, Mayor

Attest:



CHERI R. PEINE, City Clerk

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