

**Section 307.3.3 Trench burns.** Trench burns shall be only be authorized and permitted by the fire prevention division in accordance with the following rules and requirements.

- (a) All outdoor burning must utilize a mechanical trench/pit burning assembly approved by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). All applicants must obtain approval through the TNRCC for the site specific burning in the city.
- (b) Burning shall include only materials authorized on an approved burning permit for the purpose of clearing land for future development.
- (c) Areas for burning shall be located a minimum distance of 1,800 feet from all structures downwind and 500 feet from any other structures not classified as being downwind. In addition, areas for burning shall be located a minimum distance of 500 feet from wooded areas, roadways, and overhead power lines. Surrounding grass and/or brush must be mowed or maintained as to not present a fire hazard.
- (d) No fuel storage tank or other hazardous material is to be stored within the burn area.
- (e) Each day, after 8:00 a.m., prior to any permitted burning operation, the below listed agencies must be contacted:
  - 1. TCEQ, 817-588-5800, Ask for "Air Quality" person.
  - 2. Fire prevention division, 972-219-3462
- (f) Hours of burning shall be between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On ozone action days, burning shall not begin before 10:00 a.m. The pit shall be covered with dirt and completely extinguished by 5:00 p.m. each day. No smoke or burning objects shall be visible.
- (g) No burning allowed on holidays or weekends.
- (h) Approved stand-by equipment must be on location and shall include at least one piece of earth moving equipment (bull dozer, backhoe, track loader, etc.).
- (i) All burning must be constantly attended by at least one competent person on location to operate stand-by equipment, and all fires shall be completely extinguished by 5:00 p.m. or before being left alone.
- (j) Wind velocity for below ground pit/trench burning operation shall not exceed 20 miles per hour.
- (k) Burning permits will be revoked for failure to comply with any of the following:
  - 1. Violation of any site specific or general rules regulating burning.
  - 2. Extreme dry weather.
  - 3. Change in wind direction
  - 4. If in the case that ash, excessive smoke, or excessive odor is documented by fire prevention in relation to any surrounding property for whatever reason.
  - 5. Where any life, health, nuisance, or other hazard is indicated to surrounding persons or property.

Note: If permits are revoked by Fire Prevention for any of the reasons listed above, materials shall be disposed of in a different manner.

- (l) Further information may be obtained by contacting the fire prevention division weekdays at (972) 219-3462.
- (m) Permit fee is \$200.00 per day.