



MERCEDES FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Burning Permit

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO _____ FOR
THE BURNING OF _____ AT THE LOCATION OF _____
_____ INSIDE THE CITY OF MERCEDES IN
COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) Burn permit applications require a pre-site inspection, which will be conducted by the Fire Marshal/ Fire Department.
- 2) Burn permits are issued for the open burning of trees, brush, shrubs and limbs, solely for the purpose of land clearance. Household trash commercial refuses, lumber, tires, etc. **MAY NOT BE BURNED.**
- 3) Burn piles shall be located a minimum of 150 feet from all structures and 300 feet from Public Street.
- 4) Once permission is granted, no burn permit (site) shall be left unattended for any period of time, unless fire has been completely extinguished. Burns will be Monday-Friday from 8AM and extinguish by 3PM: **NO BURNING ON WEEKENDS**
- 5) The burn permit site and the materials to be burned are subject to inspection at any time by Fire Marshal's Office/ Fire Department Official.
- 6) Each person or resident shall be responsible for providing adequate safety precautions to control the open fire; and provide a water source or heavy machinery capable of extinguishing the fire procedure on site. **NO GASOLINE SHALL BE USED TO IGNITE THE PILES OF BRUSH**
- 7) If smoke or odors from burning causes any disturbances to persons or motorist, the fire must be extinguished.
- 8) The burn site must be cleared, cleaned, or disked for a radius of at least 10 feet around each piles of vegetation prior to initiating any burning. **BURN ONLY ONE PILE AT A TIME.**
- 9) All active burn permits are to be considered **VOID** during the following conditions: **BURN BANS, HIGH WINDS, SEVERE DRY CONDITIONS, AND INCLEMENT WEATHER.**
- 10) The Mercedes Fire Department will follow the daily burn recommendations that is given out by Hidalgo County Office.
- 11) Any person or resident obtaining a burn permit does so at his/her own risk and in no even shall any liability or damage be imposed upon the representative authorizing the permit, the Mercedes Fire Department or City of Mercedes, if any damages and/or injury are sustained as a result of any burning.

The authority to conduct burning under the Outdoor Burning Rule does not exempt or excuse any person responsible for the consequences, damages, or injuries resulting from burning. Failure to obtain a burning permit prior to an open burn shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be issued a citation to appear in Municipal Court before the judge for a fine at his/her discretion.

I hereby accept and understand all provisions of the burning permit process:

PRINT NAME

ISSUED BY

SIGNATURE

DATE

PHONE NUMBER

PERMIT EXPIRES