

Rules for Prescribed Burns - Agricultural

1. **Permittee Shall Call Dispatch Center** @ 785.483.2121 or Russell County Emergency Management @ 785.483.5100 to get Burn Permit Application. Burn Permit number may be issued by Russell County Emergency Management with approval by District, Township or City Fire Chief. After Burn permit is issued and rules to burn are followed on the date of burn, Permittee shall contact Russell Communications Dispatch Center @ **785.483.2121**. Permittee shall give name, location of prescribed burn (address preferred and legal description), contact phone numbers and Burn Permit number. Dispatch will advise if weather and Rangeland Fire Index criteria are met for that day. No controlled burns are allowed after sundown or when smoke will be across roadways. All Kansas State Regulations 28-19-645, 28-19-646, 28-19-647, 28-19-648 must be obeyed.
2. **Weather:**
 - A. Wind shall be forecasted throughout the burn period to be less than 15 mph
 - B. Rangeland Fire Index shall not be in the Very High or Extreme range. Moderate is preferred.
3. **Training:** County Fire School on Prescribed Burns for Agriculture, Rangeland Management, CRP and Crop Residue is required. (KSU Extension or Wildland Fire Course sponsored by National Wildland) Assistance with a prior prescribed burn conducted by an individual considered to be experienced in prescribed burning is recommended.
4. **It is recommended that Permittee to have a written burn plan** approved by Emergency Management Director or designee in accordance with Prescribed Burn School. Assistance with a burn plan can be obtained at the Russell County/KSU Extension Office in the Russell County Courthouse.
5. **Fire break must be 50 feet with no** less than 20 feet disced. Alternative would be 50 feet mowed and a back burned fire guard of a minimum six feet in width in accordance with Prescribed Burn School.
6. **Equipment required on Hand:**
 - A. Tractor and a minimum of 12 foot disc capable of traversing the burn area terrain or,
 - B. No less than 250 gallons of water delivered by two sources, one of the sources having a minimum of 150 gallons and the equipment to deliver at a rate of at least 10 gallons/minute. The other 100 gallons could be split among 20 gallon tanks on ATV's and backpack sprayers capable of five gallons/minute and,
 - C. A minimum of five people on the burn crew with an additional person for larger parcels in accordance with Prescribed Burn School.
7. **Prescribed Burns That Become Out of Control: IF THE GUIDELINES ARE NOT FOLLOWED,** the person in charge of the burn, whether or not said person has a permit, shall pay for the fire run as follows:
 - A. \$250.00 per Fire Department and/or Emergency Response Vehicle that responds to help extinguish the fire.
 - B. \$9.00 per hour for each Firefighter and/or Emergency Responder that assists in extinguishing the fire.
8. All Rules and Regulations will be on hand at the Dispatch Center located at 339 East Eighth, Russell, Kansas 67665 and Russell County Emergency Management located at 850 Elm Street, Bunker Hill, Kansas 67626.

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9. Agricultural prescribed burn management is considered 10 or more acres. Additional information for management burning is available at the Russell County/KSU Extension Office located in the Russell County Courthouse at 401 North Main Street, Russell, Kansas 67665