



OPEN BURNING PERMIT FAQ'S

What is the difference between a Burn Ban and an Open Burning Permit?

- **A Burn Ban is a Resolution limiting open burning within a county by the Board of County Commission. A Burn Ban prohibits the building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire or campfire except in permanent stoves, fireplaces or barbeque grills in developed recreational sites or residential lawns when there is an imminent threat that could be caused by fire.**
- **An Open Burning Permit is a 2 year permit that individuals are required to get when they want to conduct an open burn and are not restricted as to when they can burn.**

Are the Regulations governing open burning and the issues covered in Lyon County Resolution 37-09 something new?

- **No. Many of the limitations and requirements became effective March 1, 1996 under Kansas Administrative Regulations 28-19-645 through 28-19-648 and Kansas Statutes 65-3005, 3006 and 3010.**

Would there ever be a time that I might be told I can not conduct a burn?

- **Yes. The Lyon County Board of County Commission may impose a county-wide Burn Ban when the lack of moisture or fire hazard conditions are such that they could cause the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or lose of life or property.**

Does everyone in Lyon County need an Open Burning Permit?

- **No. The following cities within Lyon County have their own open burning regulations:**

City of Emporia, Americus, Hartford and Olpe

Where can the Open Burning Permits be obtained and is there a fee?

- **Permits can be filled out at area city halls, Lyon County Sheriff's Office and Lyon County Clerk's Office**
- **Permits are free of charge and cover a 2 year period.**

Where can I find more information concerning the requirements under Resolution 37-09 ?

- **More information can be found on the Open Burning Permit flyer on this website.**