



# Urbandale Fire Department

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## No Open Burning in Urbandale

The Urbandale Fire Department would like to remind Urbandale residents that under an ordinance enacted by the Polk County Board of Health and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, there is no open burning allowed within the City of Urbandale. This includes the Dallas County portion of Urbandale. Under this ordinance the use of patio fireplaces, chimineas, fire pits, fire bowls, bon fires, leaf burning, and any other open wood or debris burning **are deemed illegal**.

Fires for the preparation of food **are allowed** and this ordinance does not apply to charcoal or gas BBQ grills. However, charcoal grills are **not** allowed to be used or stored within 20 feet of apartment and condominium buildings. Propane gas grills **are** allowed at apartment and condominium buildings. Wood burning units for the preparation of food **must have a grate for food preparation and provisions for holding the fire off of the ground**.

Natural gas or propane fire pits/bowls that are NOT used to burn any other combustible materials **are allowed**.

If you have any further questions about open burning, feel free to contact the Urbandale Fire Department at 278-3970.