

# Fire Prevention Is Our Mission



On average there are 380 fires reported annually in Taylor.

Taylor Fire Department Personnel respond to more than 10,000 incidents annually. Of those 10,000 incidents a large number are related to nuisance burning complaints. We encourage you to practice fire safety in your homes and on your property.

Please give every consideration to your neighbors while enjoying the outdoors.

For more information on fire safety please contact us:

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## Tips for Preparing Firewood

1. It takes 9 to 18 months for wood to properly season after it has been cut to length and split. Wood dries 10 times as fast through the end grain as it does through tangential sides. Splitting into smaller pieces will further speed drying. Dry, seasoned wood will ignite and burn much easier and cause fewer problems with condensation and creosote.



Covered wood storage  
The City of Taylor  
Requires that fire wood be stored a minimum of 18 inches above the ground.

2. Green or improperly seasoned wood will be free of checking and cracks on the ends, will feel "heavier" and may even feel moist to the touch. Often it will give off more of an odor than dry wood. When it burns it will often sizzle and pop, and give off steam. It is not recommended for burning.

3. Firewood should be split and stacked under cover in the early spring to be ready for burning in the fall. After drying in the summer sun and warm winds, the wood should be below 20% moisture content. A piece of dry firewood has large cracks or checks in the end grain. Look for these when judging the quality of firewood.



An approved fireplace with a screen.



An approved fireplace with a spark screen.



# A Guide To Safe Outdoor Burning

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## Outdoor Burning Checklist:

- The fire must be contained in an approved outdoor fire place enclosed with a spark screen.



### In ground fire pits are not permitted

- The fire place must be located at least 15 feet from any structure, lot line, public way (road or sidewalk) or any combustible material ( trees, brush, or material that will burn or melt.
- A means to extinguish the fire such as a garden hose or a fire extinguisher must be readily accessible
- A responsible adult must remain in constant attendance of the fire.
- The proper fuel to be burned is available. Dry seasoned firewood is the only acceptable fuel to be utilized.



Commercially available dry-seasoned fire wood.

## Some Do's and Don'ts

- Fires **must not burn** between the hours of 11:00pm to 11:00am
- Do not build a fire on the ground. This includes in ground fire pits.

Fires prepared on the ground not in an approved fire place with a spark screen are not permitted without an Operations Burn Permit issued from the Fire Department.

- Do not leave the fire unattended
- Burn only dry seasoned firewood.

Moist lumber, treated lumber or waste brush clippings can produce unfavorable conditions that will generate complaints.



An approved fire place with a spark screen.



A 2.5 gallon water extinguisher. Two of these shall provide adequate fire protection.



A garden hose with a nozzle attached, charged and ready for immediate use.

## Notice

The extinguishment of any fire will be ordered when deemed a nuisance due to excessive smoke or offensive odor. This is most likely to happen from burning moist wood or trash.

In Wayne County it is not permissible to burn grass clippings, trees or brush as a means of disposal.

The home owner is responsible for any damage to property or persons caused by a fire.

4A rated extinguisher. Sufficient fire protection.



Fires on the ground require a Special permit.

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