

ORDINANCE REGARDING BURNING BARRELS
TOWN OF ROCKLAND
ORDINANCE 080811

I. Purpose and Scope:

- (a) Purpose: The burning of household and other waste can cause severe health problems, pollute the air, soil and water, and pose a fire danger to the surrounding area. The purpose of this ordinance is to control and monitor the barrel burning within the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County, by any person in order to protect the welfare, peace, safety, environment and property of the Town of Rockland residents.
- (b) Applicability & Scope: This Ordinance applies to all burn barrel fires within the boundaries of the Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

II. Definitions:

- (a) Acceptable Burn Barrel: shall mean a metal drum of at least 50 gallon volume, which:
 - (1) Has been placed upon blocks made of a material that will not cause the ground to burn,
 - (2) Has air vents of approximately "pea size" on the sides and bottom,
 - (3) Is covered by a screen not to exceed 1/4th inch mesh.
- (b) "Barrel Burning" shall mean any fire contained in a barrel or other type of containment where the products of combustion are emitted directly into the outdoor atmosphere and are not directed through a stack or chimney, incinerator or other similar device and the purpose of the fire is not for cooking or to provide heat to a dwelling.
- (c) Material that may NOT be burned:

Unless a specific written approval has been obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, the following materials may NOT be burned in an open fire, incinerator, Burn Barrel, furnace, stove or any other indoor or outdoor incinerator or heating device:

- (1) Rubbish or garbage including but not limited to food wastes, food wraps, packaging, animal carcasses, paint or painted materials, furniture, composite shingles, construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes.
- (2) Waste oil or other oily wastes except used oil burned in a heating device for energy recovery.
- (3) Asphalt and products containing asphalt.
- (4) Treated or painted wood including but not limited to plywood, composite wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives.
- (5) Any plastic material including but not limited to nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic fabrics, plastic films and plastic containers—also glass.
- (6) Rubber including tires and synthetic rubber-like products.
- (7) Newspaper, corrugated cardboard, container board, office paper and other materials that must be recycled in accordance with the recycling ordinance.

III. Burning Barrel Placement and Procedures:

- (a) The Burn Barrel shall be located at least 150 feet from the nearest building that is not on the same property as the burn barrel.

According to previous definitions—it is to be an acceptable burn barrel.

- b) A burning permit is not required for burning in a barrel.
- c) Burning in a barrel shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least 18 years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold—except when snow cover is sufficient.

IV. Enforcement Penalties and Fees:

- (a) The Rockland Town Board or any person authorized by the Town Board is authorized to endorse the provisions of this ordinance.
- (b) The penalty for violation of any portion of this ordinance shall be a forfeiture of not less than \$100 or more than \$300, plus cost of prosecution.
- (c) A landlord is responsible to inform the tenants of this Ordinance 080811.
- (d) A Variance Request may be obtained from property owners that fall short of the required distance for a recreational fire.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE : January 1, 2012

This Ordinance is effective on publications or posting.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s.60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2011.

Town Board: Chairman Randall Brandes, Supervisors Tim Thor and Rose Kocourek
Attested: Town Clerk Renee Seiler