

## **Manatee County Open Burning Rules**

*The following information is being provided to the residents of West Manatee Fire and Rescue District pertaining to open burning. The following summarizes the types of fires that are allowed in the West Manatee Fire Rescue District.*

### **Open Burning Allowed Without Permit**

The following types of fires are allowed without an open burn permit:

1. A barbecue grill fire will be allowed if used solely for the preparation of food, provided that a grate is maintained over the fire, excessive visible emissions are not generated, and only approved materials (per Rule 62-256.F.A.C.) are burned.
2. A camp fire will be allowed for outdoor noncommercial food preparation, or on cold days for warming of outdoor workers, provided that excessive visible emissions are not generated, and only approved materials are burned.
3. Fires to abate a fire hazard may be allowed, providing a hazard is declared by the local fire district or Florida Forestry Service (FFS) and the fire could not have been classified as a fire department training burn.
4. A small recreational outdoor fire will be allowed at any time provided it is monitored, that there is some means of extinguishment nearby, and only approved materials are burned.
5. Agricultural and silvicultural fires or rural land clearing operations, including range burning, which have received a burn authorization from the FFS. West Manatee Fire Rescue should be notified prior to initiation of burning.

For all open burning that does not require a Manatee County open burning permit, West Manatee Fire Rescue should be notified the day the burning is to be conducted except in the case of barbecue grill fires.