

PRESCRIBED BURN COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the Village’s Prescribed Burn Cost-Share Program. The program requirements are authorized by "An Ordinance Providing for Ecological Cost-Share Programs in the Village of Riverwoods" and are subject to such ordinance, as from time to time amended. Note: an Ecological Consultation and approval from the Village Ecologist is required prior to applying for the Prescribed Burn Program. **Please read all requirements carefully and complete the checklist before submitting your completed application.** The Prescribed Burn Program is a 1-year 50/50 cost share program. The Village’s share limit is \$2,000. The applicant is not eligible to re-apply for 3 years. There is a \$150 non- refundable application fee. Note: prescribed burning requires trained workers. Therefore, the Village will not reimburse an applicant who performs the work themselves rather than hiring a qualified contractor.

The intent of the Prescribed Burn Program is to provide an incentive for residents with relatively healthy woodlands and/or prairies to maintain the health of these areas using fire which was very common prior to European settlement in the 1830s. Prescribed burn management is safe when conducted by trained professionals and helps improve the health of woodlands or prairies by removing thatch, replenishing soil nutrients, and allows desirable native plants to thrive.

To be eligible to participate in the program, the applicant must certify that they will comply with all requirements set forth in the packet. The property owner is responsible for obtaining all burn permits, property locations and staking their property lines prior to burning and notifying adjacent residents, etc.

After the Prescribed Burn Permit Application is approved by the Village Ecologist, the applicant will receive a permit from the Village to proceed with the work. Once the work is completed, notify the Village within one month and the Village Ecologist will conduct a site visit to verify the burn has been completed and Performance Standard met. The reimbursement request is then forwarded to the Village Board for approval. Reimbursement can be expected in 1 to 3 months following the approval of work.

Application Process and Cost-Share Basis:

1. An Ecological Consultation is required via the Village’s Ecological Consultation Cost-Share Program prior to applying for the Controlled Burn Cost-Share Program. During the Ecological Consultation, the Village Ecologist will walk the site with the applicant and generally delineate the location suitable for a controlled burn. The Village Ecologist will create a Cost-Share Program Eligibility Map that includes a recent aerial of the lot with the general location of proposed burn area that was discussed during the Ecological Consultation. Applicant/Contractor Specifications for conducting a controlled burn will also be provided with the map.
2. The Prescribed Burn Program is a 1-year 50/50 cost share program. The Village’s share limit is \$2,000. There is a \$150 non-refundable application fee.

Checklist for Prescribed Burn Program:

1. Conduct the required Ecological Consultation (to generally locate proposed burn area) with the Village Ecologist.
2. Receive map and specifications (completed by Village Ecologist) including Prescribed Burn Program information packet and Application from the Village. The Application form is attached but can also be obtained from Village Hall or by downloading from the Village Website.
3. Receive permit from Village then hire a qualified contractor to perform the prescribed burn per the provided map, Specifications, and Standards.
4. Submit a copy of the paid contractor invoice to the Village Hall and request a final inspection by the Village Ecologist within one month of conducting the burn. The Village Ecologist will inspect the site to determine if the burn meets Performance Standards, review the contractor invoice, and contact the applicant, if necessary, for clarification and approve the payment of reimbursement from the Village. The Village Board will then approve the reimbursement payment to the applicant within 1 to 3 months of work.

Village of Riverwoods Prescribed Burn Cost-Share Program Application						
Owner's Name:	Owner's Telephone:	For Village Use	Permit Number	Fee \$150	Issue Date	Exp. Date
Owner's/Burn Address:		Comments:				
Contractor's Name:	Contractor's Telephone:					
Contractor's Address:						
Contractor's e-mail:						
Contact Person (normal hours and emergency):						
Attach copy of Contractor's Certificate of Insurance.						
Submittals & Notifications (check as complete)						
	Copy of completed Application for Open Burning Permit to State of Illinois.					
	Copy of Open Burning Permit from State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency					
	Comment letter from Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District or Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District					
	Listing of on-site personnel qualifications.					
	Copies of the Certificate of Training for all on-site personnel.					
	Listing of on-site equipment.					
	Copy of resident notification letter with anticipated dates and listing of residents that received the letter. (Notification letter is to be sent to the Village Hall (attn: Rob Durning), the Riverwoods Police Department, the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District or the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District, Applied Ecological Services, Inc. and the residents within 1,000 feet of the property limits.					
Twenty-four (24) hours before the burn, call the following:						
Rob Durning (Village of Riverwoods)			847-945-3990			
Riverwoods Police Department			847-945-1130			
Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District			847-634-2512			
Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District			847-945-4066			
Steve Zimmerman (Applied Ecological Services, Inc.)			847-844-9385			
Contractor Contract & Applicant Reimbursement						
1) Total amount of contract			\$			
2) Total amount of Village reimbursement (50% limit \$2,000)			\$			
3) Attach copy of executed contract						
Owner Statement of Certification and Village Approval						
I, owner of the property shown on the drawing in Riverwoods, Illinois, do hereby state that I am familiar with and certify that all work will be completed in accordance with the Program Eligibility Map/Plan and Contractor Specifications.		For Village Use		Approved by Village:		
Owner Signature:	Date:	Permit Sign Off Signature:		Date:		
		Performance Standard Sign Off Signature:		Date:		
Owner Printed Name:		Printed Name:				

CONTRACTOR SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRESCRIBED BURNING

PART 1.GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. THIS SECTION INCLUDES PRESCRIBED BURNING.

1.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. QUALIFICATIONS OF WORKMEN: PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO SHALL BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING EXECUTION OF THIS PORTION OF THE WORK, WHO SHALL BE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THIS TYPE OF WORK AND THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT BEING USED. SAID PERSON SHALL HAVE BURN TRAINING. SAID PERSON SHALL ALSO DIRECT ALL WORK PERFORMED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- B. THE VILLAGE MUST HAVE APPROVED THE PROPOSED WORK.
- C. STANDARDS: ALL MATERIALS USED DURING THIS PORTION OF THE WORK SHALL MEET OR EXCEED APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. ANY REQUIRED BURN PERMITS AND CONTACTS WITH VILLAGE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

PART 3.EXECUTION

3.1 METHOD

- A. PRESCRIBED BURNING SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FALL (NOVEMBER-DECEMBER) OR SPRING (MID MARCH-APRIL). BURNING SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY A CONTRACTOR EXPERIENCED IN BURN PLANNING AND PERMIT APPLICATION AS WELL AS PRESCRIBED BURN MANAGEMENT.
- B. PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF PRESCRIBED BURNING, THE OWNER OR CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPILER A BURN PLAN THAT OUTLINES A PLAN OF ACTION, IDENTIFIED CONTINGENCIES, AND LISTS THE NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF EMERGENCY AGENCIES (FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ETC). PROPER NOTICE OF INTENT TO BURN SHALL BE GIVEN.
- C. THE OWNER SHALL APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE ALL REQUIRED PERMITS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF PRESCRIBED BURNING.

3.2 INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE, AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- A. WITHIN ONE MONTH FOLLOWING THE PRESCRIBED BURN, THE APPLICANT SHALL SCHEDULE WITH THE VILLAGE AN ACCEPTANCE INSPECTION.
- C. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: **THE CONTRACTOR GUARANTEES THAT 75% OF THE GROUND COVER SHALL BE BURNED UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE ECOLOGIST.**