

NATIVE AREA PRESCRIBED BURN

Sometime over the next few weeks, Bloomingdale Township may be conducting a prescribed burn of our native planting area at Lake Street and Rosedale Avenue.

Prescribed fire is one tool in native area management. It is used to control weeds, recycle nutrients and to encourage stronger native plant growth. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Township Supervisor's Office at 630-529-7715.

Answers to some questions you might receive

Burns are carried out by a trained and equipped prescribed burn contractor. Burn permits are secured through the Illinois EPA upon review of a written burn plan specific to each site. A copy of the plan is filed with the local fire department, and the local fire department is notified prior to and upon completion of the prescribed burn on the day of the burn.

The local fire company is not on site during a prescribed burn. They are notified in advance so if anyone calls in to say they see smoke, the fire department is aware of the prescribed fire at the specified location.

Wind and smoke management are important considerations in any prescribed burn. An attempt is made by the burn contractor to minimize smoke drift whenever possible. Prairie fires usually burn very quickly and any smoke usually dissipates quickly.

The fire is contained around the perimeters of the prescribed burn areas by prior mowing, use of wet lines (spraying the vegetation along the edge with water) or back-burning.