**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Is burning of yard waste allowed in Blue Mound?**

**Open burning is prohibited in within the village limits.  However, burning of landscape waste is allowed under the following conditions:**

* **Between the hours of 9am and sunset**
* **There is sufficient air movement to dissipate smoke, but not when winds are of a high velocity.**
* **Landscape waste must be dry enough to allow an open flame.**
* **Landscape waste must be burned on the property it was generated.**
* **When burning or smoke does not create a hazard, annoyance, or discomfort to neighbors.**
* **Burning must be constantly attended by a competent and responsible person.**
* **When burning does not create a hazard or obstruct visibility on sidewalks or roadways.**
* **Crop residue must be burned more than 1000 feet from residential or populated areas.**

**For further questions please contact the Blue Mound Police Department at 217-692-2711 and speak with one of our officers, or refer to Chapter  5 Open Burning in the Code of Ordinances.**

**What can I do about raccoons or opossums that have become a nuisance on my property?**

**The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) recommends hiring a licensed trapper to remove nuisance wildlife from their property.  Property owners who wish to remove the animal themselves should contact the IDNR to see if they qualify for a Nuisance Animal Removal Permit.  The Village of Blue Mound does not employ a licensed trapper.** <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife/files/controlling_nuisance_mammals.pdf>