



FIELD & STREAM

RESTORATIONS

December 9, 2021

Dear City of Whitewater residents,

Between December 13 to December 23, Field & Stream Restorations will conduct prescribed burns on the two lake beds, Tripp and Cravath. The purpose of the burn is to prepare for the dredging that may occur in 2022 and the subsequent lake refilling. Prescribed burning is an excellent tool for reducing above-ground biomass (plant material).

We will start by creating burn breaks (unburnable strips on the ground) around the burn units. In some cases this may involve mowing and raking vegetation to create nearly bare soil conditions. We will examine the wind direction and speed to determine the best and safest ignition pattern.

Field & Stream Restorations is insured and has burned hundreds of acres safely, and will do so at this site. We employ nationally trained firefighters. We will be equipped with several types of mobile water sources for fire suppression, including water backpacks, UTV's, and ATV's with mounted sprayers. At no time should you ever feel that your residence is at risk. We have examined the site and have determined that the necessary fire breaks can be created to burn safely.

On the day of the burn we ask that you do the following for us:

1. Close your windows and doors when not at home and the day of the burn so that smoke does not enter your home.
2. Allow us to do our work uninterrupted, distractions to fire spotters create unnecessary risks.
3. Approach us before you call the fire department.

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