

We Use Fire to Clear Invaders and Restore Diversity



Without fire, invasive plants rage out of control

Until recent times, fire was a natural part of life for our native woodlands, wetlands, and prairies. Ecosystems native to the Midwest depend upon periodic fire events to rejuvenate growth and ensure long-term survival. Modern tendencies to suppress fire allow invasive plants (weeds) to out-compete our native grasses and forbs, therefore reducing plant and animal diversity.

Our restoration and maintenance plan

Fire is one of the best management tools for continued invasive plant control. For nearly a decade, our trained ecologists have been applying prescribed fire in the Chicago region and beyond. After inspecting the site and acquiring state and local permits, we prepare and implement a detailed, fiscally responsive burn plan. We safely execute burns on any scale, from half-acre backyards to natural areas hundreds of acres in size.



“Fire is the most efficient and economical tool available for managing... natural communities.”

- Lake County (IL) Forest Preserve



Woodland Burn



Woodland Back Burn



Prairie Headfire



Woodland Strip Fires



Burn Crew



Prairie Burn



Smoke Column