

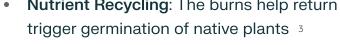
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These controlled burns serve several important ecological purposes:

prescribed burns during the spring season. The spring burning window

- **Ecosystem Restoration**: They help eliminate weedy woody species and improve native plant communities 1
- Invasive Species Control: Prescribed burns clear the ground of invasive weeds 3
- Nutrient Recycling: The burns help return trigger germination of native plants 3

typically runs from March 1 through April 30 1 3.





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The burns are carefully planned and executed by trained professionals. Specific considerations include:

- Obtaining permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
- Checking weather conditions like wind speed, temperature, and humidity
- Ensuring low chance of precipitation
- Conducting burns only during daylight hours
- Notifying local residents before burns take place 1 2

For the 2024 spring season, the Naperville Park District is planning prescribed burns at multiple locations, including:

- Meadow Glens
- Rock Ridge Park
- Brighton Ridge Park
- Hobson Grove
- Knoch Knolls Park
- DuPage River Park
- Ashwood Park
- Commissioners Park 3

These controlled burns are a critical tool for maintaining the health of local ecosystems, mimicking the natural fire cycles that existed before widespread land development ² ⁴.













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