

Open Burning Regulations

Open Burning has been used by many residents for cleaning up from yard and storm debris for a long time. Open burning offers an alternative to bagging, binding, and hauling away all the debris created on their property.

In an effort to allow residents to use open burning, we would like to offer the guidelines, and requirements for safe open burning. The Ohio Fire Code and EPA guidelines are what is referred to regarding allowed open burning within the State of Ohio and York Twp.



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Requirements

The EPA has Clean Air Laws in regards to allowable opening burning. Residents with larger acreage parcels of land wanting to burn large piles of debris fall under these EPA requirements.

1. Burn piles must be at least 1000' from all structures
2. No burning is allowed within 1 mile of municipal borders
3. Written permission from the EPA Office is requested prior to burning
4. No burning is allowed during Ozone Action Days as determined by the EPA

Ohio Fire Code

The Ohio Fire Code (OFC) lists the requirements for allowable open burning and recreational fires within the state borders. Section 307 provides the following requirements.

1. The size of the fire must be no larger than 3' long by 3' wide by 2' feet high. Bonfires may go to 5' in diameter by 5' high with permission of the Fire Chief.
2. The fire must be located at least 25' from all structures, 50' for bonfires
3. The only allowable material to burn are natural wood products. No painted, treated wood is allowed. No plywood, OSB or other building materials, etc.
4. Fire must be attended at all times
5. You must have a method of extinguishment for the fire
6. Fire that have objectionable or irritating smoke must be extinguished



Questions?

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