

TO BURN OR NOT TO BURN.....

Fall is traditionally bonfire season. With this in mind, the Fairborn Fire Department wants to make sure you know the regulations for “open burning” fires - those fires not built in a charcoal or gas grill or in a patio chimney-type fireplace.

In Ohio, all burning is controlled by the Ohio EPA. The rules and guidelines are listed in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-19.

Before you start to burn, take time to know the law...

PROHIBITED BURNING:

Burning yard waste or brush is NOT permitted in the City of Fairborn.

The following items **cannot** be burned anywhere in Ohio:

- Items containing rubber, grease, asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics, or plastic-coated wire.
- Garbage - any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking, or consumption of food.
- Dead animals or animal waste.
- Buildings of standing structures.
- **Open burning is prohibited when air pollution warnings, alerts, or emergencies are in effect.**

RECREATIONAL FIRES:

- Bonfires, campfires, and outdoor fireplace equipment may not exceed 3' x 2'.
- The fire must be 25' from any structure and provisions must be made to prevent the fire from spreading within.
- Burn only clean, dry, seasoned wood.
- An extinguishing agent such as a fire extinguisher, garden hose, or sand must be available for immediate utilization.
- Notify Fire Dispatch (754-3100) prior to lighting any fire.
- The Fairborn Fire Department reserves the right to extinguish any improper recreational fire.



OTHER TYPES OF BURNING:

- Heating Tar
- Welding and acetylene torches
- Highway safety flares
- Smudge pots and similar occupational needs
- Heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers
- **The above fires must not be used for waste disposal and shall be of minimum size for their intended purpose.**

CEREMONIAL BONFIRES:

- **Must** obtain a permit through the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA, 937-225-4435).
- **Must** notify and obtain a Fire Department permit after contacting the RAPCA. Call 754-3084 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- A ceremonial fire may not exceed 5' x 5', and may not burn for any longer than three hours.
- The fire must be 50 feet away from any structure.
- Burn only clean, dry, seasoned wood.
- An extinguishing agent such as a fire extinguisher, garden hose, or sand must be available for immediate utilization.
- Requests must be submitted in writing ten days prior to the requested date of the ceremonial fire.

AGRICULTURAL BURNING:

- **Must** have prior approval and a RAPCA permit.
- Agricultural burning is only permitted outside the Fairborn City limits, and must be at least one mile outside city limits.

**When in doubt, always
contact Fire Dispatch
at 754-3100**

OHIO LAWS & EPA REGULATIONS ON OPEN BURNING

**Ohio Fire Code
FAQs**

www.com.ohio.gov/fire/faq.aspx

Ohio EPA

Southwest Office (937) 285-6357

[www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/
openburning.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx)

**Regional Air Pollution Control
Agency**

**(937) 225-4435
www.rapca.org**

FAIRBORN GUIDE TO OPEN BURNING: RECREATIONAL & BON FIRES



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