



Norwich Township Fire Department

Open Burning Standards for Norwich Township, Brown Township and the City of Hilliard

Please read Open Burning Standards before completing Open Burning Application

Open Burning Permits for recreational fires, campfires, outdoor fireplaces are not required. The standards for open burning (i.e. recreational fires, camp fires, outdoor fireplaces) are the fire must be fueled by clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or its equivalent. Total fuel areas shall be no larger than 3' in diameter and 2' in height. The location for these types of open burning shall not be less than 25' from any structure and provisions must be made to keep the fire from spreading. Fires in approved containers (i.e. chiminea, fire bowls, and metal fire pit) shall not be less than 15' from any combustible structure or placed on any combustible structure.

A permit for open burning in Norwich Township, Brown Township, and the City of Hilliard shall be obtained for bon fires. The area of these fires shall be no greater than 5' in diameter and 5' in height. These fires shall not be conducted within 50' of any structure and provisions shall be made to keep the fire from spreading. Completed applications must be returned to the Safety Services Building five days prior to the open burn. Permits are processed during normal business hours only (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday). If an application is received less than five days prior to the day of the open burn, the applicant will be assessed a fee of \$10.00.

Some open burning is still forbidden. Open burning that is offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous is prohibited. The code official is authorized to order the permit holder or the fire department to extinguish any open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

Under Ohio law, there are certain materials which may not be burned anywhere in the state at any time. These items are:

- Residential waste within city limits - such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock production.
- Garbage – any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food
- Materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics or plastic-coated wire
- Dead animals

Other Restrictions:

- Open burning is not allowed when air pollution warnings and when restrictions by the Ohio EPA are in effect
- Fires cannot obscure visibility for roadways, railroad tracks or airways
- No waste generated off premises may be burned

Types of Fires and Descriptions:

- * Agricultural – Agricultural wastes and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock productions. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but does not include buildings, land cleaning wastes, dead animals or animal waste. Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building. *Must notify Ohio EPA in advance.*
- * Ceremonial – Wood stack no larger than 5 ft. high x 5 ft. wide. Duration no longer than three hours. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent. *Must notify Ohio EPA in advance.*

The Ohio EPA has the authority to enforce open burning laws. Illegal open burning can result in substantial penalties. If you have any questions, please contact the central district office of the Ohio EPA at 1-800-686-2330 or 614-728-3778 or visit their website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.

In addition, you may contact the Norwich Township Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau at (614) 876-3331



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Open Burning Application

In accordance with the Norwich Township Fire Code the open burning described on this form is permitted subject to conditions and restrictions described on this application and that may be imposed following issuance.

The applicant/permit holder is responsible for all open burning activity associated with an issued permit. The applicant/permit holder must call the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center number, 614-766-1112, during what hours of the day open burning is permitted.

The applicant/permit holder agrees to conduct open burning in accordance with all conditions and safe practices described on this application and accompanying open burning standards. The applicant/permit holder further understands that he/she can be held responsible for damage to adjacent property and fire suppression costs if open burning escapes the applicant/permit holder's control.

Open Burning Location: _____

Open Burning Date: _____ **Hours** _____
(Five days maximum) (Three hours maximum)

Applicant: _____ Telephone _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Open Burning Classification:

- Recreational Fires – No Permit Needed
- Agricultural – Burning of natural vegetative material for commercial agricultural operations only. * (Description in Open Burning Standards)
- Ceremonial – Fires for religious, cultural or special events. * (Description in Open Burning Standards)

Conditions and Restrictions:

- The open burning must be constantly attended by a responsible adult.
- A supply of water must be provided sufficient to control any escaped fire.
- The permit holder must call the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center phone number each day prior to conducting open burning (614-766-1112).
- Open burning shall be conducted only during permitted hours. Fires must be extinguished during non-burning hours.
- Open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous situation must be extinguished.
- Open burning shall not be conducted within 25 feet of structures, fences, or other valuable property.
- Open burning in approved containers (i.e. chimineas, fire bowls, and metal fire pits) shall not be less than 15' from any combustible structure or placed on any combustible structure.

I have read, understand, and will comply with all conditions and restrictions pertinent to the open burning authorized by this application.

Applicant/Permit Holder Signature _____ Date _____

Issued by _____ Date _____