



NORWICH TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Bureau

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Hilliard, Ohio 43026

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Business Hours - Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

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

Any open burns, other than the fires described in the previous paragraph, will require notification to the Ohio EPA, or receipt of written permission from the Ohio EPA, prior to performing the fire. To see if your fire requires notification or permission, please see the Ohio EPA's open burning rules. 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 (800) 686-2330 or (614) 728-3778 or visit their website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.

A permit for open burning in Norwich Township, Brown Township, and the City of Hilliard shall be obtained for bonfires. The area of these fires shall be no greater than 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet in height. These fires shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure and provisions shall be made to keep the fire from spreading. Open Burning Permit applications are available at the Safety Services Building, located at 5181 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Email the completed application to Bureau@norwichtownship.org or return it in person 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 could be assessed a \$10.00 fee.

There are some open burns that are always forbidden. These include open burns that are offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. The Ohio EPA 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 (i.e. tires, cars, auto parts), plastics, plastic-coated wire
- Dead animals

Other Restrictions:

- Open burning is not allowed when air pollution warnings or other 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

Type of Fire 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 a neighbor's inhabited building and the *permit holder must notify the Ohio EPA in advance*.
- **Ceremonial** - Wood stack no larger than 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet in height. Duration no longer than three hours. Clean, dry, seasoned firewood or its equivalent is required and the *permit holder must notify the Ohio EPA in advance*.
- **Recreational** - Fires 5 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. Duration no longer than three hours. Clean, dry, seasoned firewood or its equivalent is required and *no permit is needed*.



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Open Burning Permit 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 (NRECC) at (614) 766-1112 when the open burn begins.

The applicant/permit holder agrees to conduct open burning in accordance with all conditions and safe practices described on this application and the accompanying Open Burning Standards. The applicant/permit holder further understands that they can be held responsible for damage to adjacent property and fire suppression costs if the 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:

- Agricultural** - Burning of natural vegetative material for commercial agricultural operations only. *See Types of Fires and Description
- Ceremonial** - Fires for religious, cultural or special events. *See Types of Fires and Description
- Recreational** - No permit needed. *See Types of Fires and Description

Conditions and Restrictions:

Initials

- _____ The open burning must be constantly attended by a responsible adult.
- _____ A supply of water or its equivalent must be provided to sufficiently control any escaped fire.
- _____ The permit holder must call NRECC at (614) 766-1112 when the open burn begins.
- _____ 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. chimenea, fire bowls, and metal fire pits) shall not be less than 15 feet 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. I also understand that if this application is received less than five days prior to the day of the open burn, I could be assessed a \$10.00 fee.

Applicant/Permit Holder Signature _____ Date _____

Issued by _____ Date _____