

Open Burning Information

For Recreational Burning

1. Please call the Fire Dispatcher at 937-864-1995 prior to burning, and provide
 - a. Your name
 - b. Location of the burn
 - c. Approximate start and end time of your burn, no more than 3 hours in length
 - d. The fire shall be extinguished by 12:00 midnight and no overnight burning is permitted
2. The recreational burn requires
 - a. A pile no larger than 3 ft x 3 ft x3 ft
 - b. Burn only clean, dry wood. No plastics, man-made materials, or trash
 - c. Treated wood may not be burned
 - d. Maintain the fire in a relatively nuisance free fashion with minimal smoke
 - i. Grass, weeds, and other dense vegetation will not burn nuisance free
 - ii. Green wood / brush should be allowed to dry out for several weeks prior to burning in a nuisance free fashion
3. Weather conditions
 - a. Wind speed and gusts must be below 15 mph
 - b. Relatively clear skies so the smoke will release upward and not hang in the air or travel considerable distance sideways
 - c. Wind direction should carry the smoke up and away from neighboring structures
4. Extinguishing Materials
 - a. The fire should be in a protected fire ring
 - b. Sufficient water (hose or buckets) or fire extinguisher will be in close proximity
 - c. Other equipment may include lawn rakes and shovels
5. Additional information
 - a. If you have any other questions, contact the Fire Department at 937-864-7429 x224.

Open Burning – If the fire will not fall within the requirements listed above, the fire will be considered an open burn. For permission to conduct an Open Burn, please contact RAPCA (Regional Air Pollution Control Agency) well in advance of the intended burn date for a permit to burn. RAPCA may be contacted at 937-225-4435 and is located at 117 South Main Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422-1280.

Investigation: If the fire department receives a complaint pertaining to a permitted Open or Recreational Burn, the fire department will investigate and determine if the fire is within compliance. If the fire is not in compliance, the fire will be brought into compliance or extinguished.

Thank-you for your cooperation.

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