

## GENERAL BURNING GUIDELINES

1. Any open burning without a permit is prohibited and subject to fines and costs related to the extinguishment by the Fire Department.
2. Open burning of building materials is prohibited and subject to fines and costs related to the extinguishment by the Fire Department and possible sanctions by the EPA.
3. Open burning of any highly flammable, toxic or explosive material such as tires, plastic, shingles, wire insulation, gasoline, etc., is prohibited and subject to fines and costs related to the extinguishment by the Fire Department and possible sanctions by the EPA.
4. Permits will only be issued for brush or campfires. Any other request that the citizen feels there is a need for burning will be referred to the Fire Chief's office for review and determination.
5. Burning shall be done on the permit holder's property only. No burning will be allowed in the road, ditch, right-of-way, under power lines and telephones lines, etc.
6. If the requestor is not the property owner, then they must produce a letter from the property owner giving them permission to have a permit to burn on the property.
7. Fires must be attended at all times by a competent person with adequate equipment to control or extinguish the fire as required.
8. Burning shall be done at least 50 feet from any structure and lot line. Exception: must be 15 feet from a structure or lot line if you are using a container or barrel with a screen over it or it is considered a campfire and meet the guidelines of such.
9. All open fires must be extinguished by sunset. Exception: those fires meeting campfire rules and meets the guidelines of such.
10. **Permit holders shall call 248-693-1838 prior to any burning.** Burning may be cancelled at any time for reasons listed below. The permit holder must realize if the burning is cancelled because of high winds that, although it may not be windy where you are, it is for the Township in general.
11. When weather conditions (high winds or dry conditions) warrant, or when complaints are received regarding the smoke or odor from a fire, fires may be ordered extinguished. If it becomes a nuisance to neighboring properties then you may be asked to relinquish your permit. Remember, burning permits are asking permission and are not a right to cause a nuisance to your neighbors.
12. **BURNING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IF THE WINDS REACH AN EXCESS OF 10 MILES PER HOUR. THE FIRE CHIEF MAY PUT A RESTRICTION BAN ON BURNING FOR A PERIOD OF TIME EITHER TO MEET STATE MANDATES OR LOCAL EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.**