

ALTERNATIVES TO OPEN BURNING

Instead of Open Burning

Reduce

- Minimize the amount of waste you generate.
- Look for items with less packaging
- Buy items in packaging that can be reused or recycle

Reuse

- Donate clothes, shoes, books, appliances, electronics, furniture and toys to charity.
- Carry a coffee mug with you instead of disposable cups
- Bring your own cloth bags to the store or reuse plastic bags
- Contact your local government about curb side pickup or drop off locations for bulky or hazardous items.

Recycle

- Newspapers
- Plastic #1 and #2
- Cardboard
- Aluminum
- Steel
- Glass

Compost

- Leaves and grass clippings can be turned into food for gardens and household plants.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community for their continued support of the Delaware Fire Department. The fire department continues to provide the highest level of emergency and non-emergency fire and medical service in Delaware.

I hope this open burning pamphlet is very beneficial to the families of Delaware as we strive to improve our communication with our citizens.

If you have any questions concerning open burning, please let me know.

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This brochure is intended to provide the community with basic information on open burning. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact the Fire Prevention office at 740-203-1300.

What is Open Burning?

OPEN BURNING is the burning or smoldering (burning and producing smoke without flame) of any material in the outdoor air or in a receptacle other than a furnace or without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudgepots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames or recreational fires.

Why is open Burning a problem?

Open Burning releases many kinds of toxic fumes. Burning leaves and plants send millions of spores in the air when they catch fire, which can cause people with allergies to have difficulty breathing. Burning household waste produces many toxic chemicals including particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, lead and mercury. These pollutants are linked to several health problems including asthma, respiratory illnesses, nervous system damage, kidney and liver damage, and reproductive or developmental disorders. Open burning also pollutes the air and makes it difficult to meet healthy air quality standards.

ILLEGAL OPEN BURNING

Under Ohio law, these materials May Not be burned at any time:

- Garbage- any waste created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food
- Household garbage- plastic, cans, glass
- Materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, used oil, motor oil, plastics or plastic coated wire, insulated wire, chemical containers
- Construction- waste including asbestos materials, buildings, construction debris, renovation debris, drywall, shingles
- Wood Materials- fence posts, pallets, sawdust, wood chips and shavings, wood mulch, painted, stained or pressure- treated wood
- Dead animals

LEGAL OPEN BURNING

BON FIRE- An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.

RECREATIONAL FIRE- An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

Fire Training- conducted by fire officials

RESTRICTIONS

- A permit shall be obtained from fire code officials prior to kindling a fire for wildfire management practices, prevention or control of disease and pests, or a bonfire.
- If the open burning creates hazardous or objectionable situation, the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning by the permit holder or the fire department.
- A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible materials unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials
- Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher, approved on site extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available immediately.