



BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

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RULES FOR OPEN BURNING: BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP & GENOA TOWNSHIP

Open Burning defined: The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber.

The following apply to all open burning fires:

- All fires shall be constantly attended by an adult until extinguished.
- At no time are accelerants permitted to be used.
- Fires shall take place on private property only and not in roadways, easement, or beneath powerlines.
- Open burning implies flaming combustion; smoldering fires or fires that generate nuisance smoke are not permitted and shall be extinguished if a complaint is received.

Is open burning allowed?

Between sunrise and sunset only, yard waste including leaves, brush, twigs, and tree limbs are permitted to be burned with the following conditions:

- Yard waste fires shall be no larger than 5' in diameter unless enclosed by a non-combustible enclosure,
- A means of preventing fire spread to within 50' of a structure and for extinguishment shall be provided (charged garden hose, bucket of water, fire extinguisher, raked vegetation, etc.,
- The fire is maintained at least 50' from any structures (house, shed, garage, wood fence, deck, etc.) or combustible materials (vegetation, waste receptacles, etc.) that may contribute to spread.

Under the following circumstances; small (no larger than 3' diameter by 2' high) recreational fires (**campfires**) are allowed as long as they are:

- Contained in a metal, stone, or masonry surround, chimenea, or some other non-combustible enclosure,
- Only seasoned dried firewood is burned,
- Enclosure is maintained at least 25' from any structures (house, shed, garage, wood fence, deck, etc.) or combustible materials (vegetation, waste receptacles, etc.),
- A means of preventing fire spread to within 25' of a structure and for extinguishment shall be provided (charged garden hose, bucket of water, fire extinguisher, etc.).
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be maintained 15' from structures and combustible materials, except for one-and-two-family homes.

Can I burn construction materials or trash?

No. Construction materials or household trash SHALL NOT be burned.

Can I have a bonfire?

Bonfires may be permitted for religious ceremonies or special events. A permit must be obtained from the Fire Authority to have a bonfire. Only seasoned dry firewood can be burned. The burning of trash and construction materials is prohibited.

Any fire that is deemed objectionable, a nuisance, or violates these rules SHALL be extinguished. The Fire Authority must respond to and act upon all open burning complaints. This action includes allowing the fire to self-extinguish or manual extinguishment by the attendee or fire authority.