



Ohio's Open Burning Regulations



Ohio Administrative Code [❖] (RAPCA enforced in Darke, Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery & Preble Cty) OAC 3745-19 (Open Burning Standards)		Ohio Revised Code (ODNR, Division of Forestry, enforced) ORC 1503.18	Ohio Fire Code (Fire Department enforced) OAC 1301:7-7-03, (G) Section 307
<p>GENERAL requirements (pertaining to all areas):</p> <p>*All <u>permissible</u> waste disposal fires must be 1,000 ft (~3 football fields) from any neighboring inhabited building (see below ^{1&2})</p> <p>*NO STRUCTURES (or materials from demolished structures) may be burned; this includes WOOD BARNs, HOMES, GARAGES, OUT BUILDINGS, etc.</p> <p>*NO tires, garbage/trash, dead animals, animal waste, plastics (items containing rubber, grease, asphalt or liquid petroleum) may be burned at anytime</p> <p>*Recreational/cooking fires must be no greater than 3ft X 2ft & fueled with clean, seasoned (untreated) firewood & NOT be used for the purpose of waste disposal; Notification to RAPCA is not required</p> <p>*NO open burning is allowed during air pollution advisories, emergencies, air alerts or burn bans</p>		<p><i>(For protection against wildfires):</i></p> <p>*Prohibits any open burning where a fire is likely to escape unless all surrounding leaves, grass, wood & flammable material near burn site have been removed to a safe distance & all other reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent fire escape; no fire shall be left until extinguished</p> <p><u>In Unincorporated Areas:</u></p> <p>*With limited exceptions, <u>open burning is prohibited from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm during March, April, May, October & November.</u> (This includes burning yard waste, wood, brush, weeds, grass & other residential/agricultural debris)</p> <p>*This ban applies statewide to private and public lands in unincorporated areas</p> <p>* <i>For more info. on ODNR regs. contact Division of Forestry at: 1-877-247-8733 or forestry@dnr.state.oh.us</i></p>	<p>*Fire Dept. may extinguish or require cessation of any fire which is deemed hazardous or objectionable due to smoke, odor or other hazardous conditions</p> <p>*All open burning shall be constantly attended until fire is extinguished</p> <p>Open burning & Recreational Fires:</p> <p>*Fires in <u>approved containers</u> must be at least <u>15 ft</u> from a structure</p> <p>*<u>Recreational fires</u> must be > <u>25 ft</u> from a structure or combustible material</p> <p>*<u>Burn piles</u> ≤ 3ft x 2ft in size must be at least <u>25 ft</u> from a structure</p> <p>*<u>Bonfires</u> shall be > <u>50 ft</u> from a structure or combustible material unless contained in a barbecue pit</p> <p>*For <u>all fires other than those listed above</u>, the burn site must be at least <u>50 ft</u> from any structure</p> <p>* <i>For more info. on the Ohio Fire Code, contact your local Fire Department</i></p>
Restricted Areas ¹	Unrestricted Areas ²		
<p>Prior written notification to RAPCA is required:</p> <p>*<u>Agricultural waste</u> - waste must be generated on the premises (waste may not be transported from off-site); 1,000 ft distance; BARNs may NOT be burned</p> <p>*NOT permissible to burn <u>residential waste</u> in restricted areas</p> <p>*Bonfires (ceremonial fires) - <u>may not exceed 5ft x 5ft or burn for longer than 3 hours</u>;</p> <p>* Other limited circumstances w/ RAPCA/OEPA approval (i.e. fire training)</p>	<p>RAPCA notification is <u>not</u> required:</p> <p>*<u>Agricultural & Residential waste</u> [❖] - waste must be generated on the premises (waste may not be transported from off-site); 1,000 ft distance; BARNs may NOT be burned</p> <p>◆ <u>Written notification required</u> for agricultural waste piles exceeding 20ft in diameter x 10ft high & residential waste piles exceeding 10ft x 10ft x 10ft</p> <p>*Bonfires (ceremonial fires) - <u>may not exceed 5ft x 5ft or burn for longer than 3 hours</u>;</p> <p>* Other limited circumstances w/ RAPCA/OEPA approval (i.e. fire training)</p>		

- 1-Restricted Area:** Any municipal corporation (with a population of ten thousand persons or more) plus a zone extending one mile beyond any such municipality;
Any municipal corporation (with a population of one thousand to ten thousand persons) plus a zone extending 1,000 ft beyond the boundaries of any such municipality.
- 2-Unrestricted Area:** All areas outside the boundaries of a restricted area.

❖ For questions regarding acceptable procedures & compliance with the OAC 3745-19 Open Burning Standards, please contact the **Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA)** AT: **937-225-4435 OR 1-800-458-2115.** [Notification of 'controlled burns' to Dispatch does NOT exempt any person from compliance with the above regulations or any other state or local rules. Violations of the regulations may result in criminal or civil penalties.]