What You Can Do Instead of Open Burning

For a complete copy of Ohio’s open burning regulations, contact:

Ohio EPA
Division of Air Pollution Control
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, OH 43216-1049
(614) 644-2270
epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning

Open burning is any time you light an outdoor fire without a chimney or stack. When burning refuse in burn barrels or open piles, the potential cost to your health, your home, your neighbors and your environment far exceeds the price of adequate collection services. Protect yourself, your neighbors and your wallet by knowing the rules—what you can burn and where.
If you live in a county where there is a number on the map, contact the local air agency that is identified. In all other counties, contact an Ohio EPA district office.

### Local Air Pollution Control Agencies

1. Akron Regional Air Quality Management District  
   (800) 589-2480  
   aarqmd.org

2. Canton Division of Air Pollution Control  
   (330) 489-3385  
   cantonhealth.org/apc/

3. Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency  
   (800) 488-0474  
   southwestohioair.org

4. Cleveland Division of Air Quality  
   (216) 664-2297  
   clevelandhealth.org/network/air_quality/air_quality.php

5. Regional Air Pollution Control Agency  
   (800) 458-2215  
   rapca.org

6. Lake County Air Pollution Control  
   (440) 350-2543  
   lcghd.org/air_quality/

7. Portsmouth Air Pollution Control  
   (330) 353-5156  
   portsmouthoh.org/health/air-division/

8. Toledo Division of Environmental Services  
   (419) 936-3015  
   toledo.oh.gov/services/public-utilities/environmental-services/air/

9. Mahoning-Trumbull Air Pollution Control Agency  
   (330) 743-3333  
   ychd.com/Services/AirPollution.aspx

### Ohio EPA District Offices

- **CDO**  
  Central District Office  
  (800) 686-2330*  
  (614) 728-3778

- **NEDO**  
  Northeast District Office  
  (800) 686-6330*  
  (330) 963-1200

- **NWDO**  
  Northwest District Office  
  (800) 686-6930*  
  (419) 352-8461

- **SEDO**  
  Southeast District Office  
  (800) 686-7330*  
  (740) 385-8501

- **SWDO**  
  Southwest District Office  
  (800) 686-8930*  
  (937) 285-6357

* Toll-free numbers are for calls within Ohio.

### Types of Fire

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<td>Barbeques, campfires, cookouts</td>
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<td>Agricultural waste</td>
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<td>Land-clearing waste</td>
<td>Not permitted in city limits.</td>
<td>Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and residue. With prior written permission from Ohio EPA. This may take two weeks.</td>
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<td>Residential waste</td>
<td>Not permitted in city limits.</td>
<td>Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and residue. Also wastes such as wood or paper products that are generated by one-, two-, or three-family residences. Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor’s inhabited building. Request permission from Ohio EPA if pile greater than 10 ft. x 10 ft. x 10 ft. This may take two weeks.</td>
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<td>Ceremonial fires</td>
<td>Wood stack no larger than 5 ft. high x 5 ft. wide. Duration no longer than three hours. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent. Must notify Ohio EPA in advance.</td>
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<td>Occupational fires, welding torches, heating bar, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers</td>
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<td>Firefighter training, Explosive material disposal</td>
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<td>Horticultural, silvicultural, range or wildlife management practices</td>
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<td>Disease or pest control</td>
<td>Local health department, Ohio Department of Agriculture or U.S. Department of Agriculture verifies to Ohio EPA that open burning is the only appropriate control method and must notify Ohio EPA in advance.</td>
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* Villages and cities are considered ‘restricted areas,’ which include:
  - within the boundaries of any municipal corporation;
  - within corporation limits and a 1,000-foot zone outside any municipal corporation having a population of 1,000 to 10,000;
  - within corporation limits and a one-mile zone outside any municipal corporation with a population of more than 10,000.

Call your local municipality for corporation boundaries.

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