

Goshen Township Open Burn Policy

Fire / E.M.S.
(513) 722-3500



Open Burn Policy from the Ohio Administrative Code Section 3745-19 and all rules and regulations from Federal, State, and Local Government.

What is an open burn?

Open burning is any set outdoor fire without a chimney or stack.

How is it different from a "Campfire"?

Open burning doesn't mean or include small fire pits for cooking, warming, or recreation. It refers to the disposal of waste material by fire.

Is open burning allowed in Goshen Township?

Yes, open burning in Goshen Township is allowed - No Permit is needed as long as the fire meets **ALL** requirements.

Is open burning allowed year-round?

There is no open burning allowed in Ohio during daylight hours (6AM -6PM) for the months of *March, April, & May* as well as *October and November*.

Per the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, "The ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris even in a proper burn barrel or fire pit. During spring, wildfire danger is high before plants have turned green, and in fall, fire danger is high due to abundant dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather in both seasons contribute to elevated fire risk."

What are the requirements of an open burn?

- ✓ The size of the open burn is not greater than 4' X 4' X 4'
- ✓ No burning on windy days or when there is a heat, humidity, or smog alert
- ✓ An adult must attend to the fire at all times
- ✓ You must have a water supply (garden hose, fire extinguisher)
- ✓ The fire can be no closer than 100' from any Structure
- ✓ The fire can be no closer than 100' of a public roadway
- ✓ The fire cannot be within 1,000' of a home / residence on a neighboring property
- ✓ The fire does not create a visibility hazard to any public roadway, including railroad tracks, & air fields



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- ✓ The Fire may not cause a threat to public health
- ✓ Open burning is not allowed when air pollution warnings, alerts, or emergencies are in effect.
- ✓ No waste from off the premises may be burned. For example, a tree trimming contractor may not haul branches and limbs to another site to burn.

What items are restricted?

- No stained, treated, or painted wood may be burned
- No construction debris may be burned
- No Garbage – any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food
- No Materials containing plastic, rubber, grease, or asphalt.
- No items made from petroleum, such as tires, cars, and auto parts.
- No Dead animals – unless approved for control of disease by a governing agency

***For any fires that fall outside the Township Regulations, please refer to the below information:**

Fires larger than 4'x4'x4', land clearing fires, or other Fires that may fall outside of the Township Regulations require notification to Ohio EPA or receipt of written permission from Ohio EPA, prior to performing the fire. To see if your fire requires notification or permission, please see Ohio EPA's open burning rules (link below), or contact the Ohio EPA open burning contact for the county in which the fire will take place:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Open Burning

- <https://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning>
- Ohio EPA's main phone line, 614-644-3020
- Clermont County – Ciara Wagner, 513-946-7715

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-19, Open Burning Standards

- https://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/regs/3745_19

Questions or concerns can be referred to the Goshen Township Fire and EMS at 722-3500.