



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLINT FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OPEN BURNING RULES



GENERAL RULES: Open burning shall include, but not be limited to burning on the ground or other flat surfaces outside of a structure, burning done in simple outdoor structures, receptacles or other devices which are designed primarily to contain the materials being burned or to minimize the risk of fire spread and which do not provide effective control of the air pollutants generated. Open burning shall be allowed within a safe distance of any structure. Burn containers are permitted. Open burning shall be allowed only with a permit. In the Charter Township of Flint, open burning permits shall be issued by the Fire Department, and only after an inspection by Fire Department personnel. Open burning permits shall not be in conflict with the provisions set forth below. **NO OPEN BURNING SHALL BE ALLOWED DURING HIGH WIND CONDITIONS OR WHEN THE SMOKE MAY BECOME A NUISANCE TO OTHERS.**

ATTENDANCE: Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A means of extinguishing fire shall be available for immediate utilization. This shall consist of a garden hose, dirt, sand, water barrel, or water truck, or at least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment.

COMPLAINTS: If the Fire Department receives any complaints about smoke generated from the permitted fire, the owner shall be contacted and ordered to extinguish the fire.

Rules for burning of brush

Allowed burning and Means of burning: The burning of brush is allowed. The general rules above and rules of attendance above apply. Brush is defined as tree trimmings of a diameter of three (3) inches or less. It can also include bush, shrub, vine and garden stalk trimmings. The permitted fire shall be no larger than an area of five (5) feet by five (5) feet. The burning of brush shall be done in the daylight only. If the fire is burning at sundown, the fire must put out. This permit shall expire on the second day after the day of issuance at sundown. Charcoal lighter fluid is permitted to be used to start the fire. The use of any other type of accelerant is prohibited.

NOT Allowed Burning

The open burning of refuse, trash, old or new building materials, old buildings, tires, automobiles or parts thereof, petroleum or petroleum by-products including any kind of plastic, fire wood larger than three (3) inches in diameter, treated lumber or timbers, railroad ties, leaf or grass piles, trimmings of boards, lumber, or timbers, papers, cardboard, garbage or anything other than brush is prohibited.

Rules for bonfires

Rules for having a bonfire: A bonfire is defined as an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes. The general rules above and the rules of attendance above apply. A bonfire shall not be more than five (5) feet by five (5) in dimension and shall not burn longer than 3 hours. Fuel for a bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry fire wood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper.

NOT Allowed Burning

The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants. All the items stated above in not allowed burning for the open burning of brush also apply.

PERMITS ISSUED ON A DAILY BASIS CALL

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THE DAY YOU WANT TO BURN