

Charter Township of Madison

Rules and Guidelines for Open Burning

1. Persons wishing to burn paper, leaves, cut grass or weeds may do so without a permit if the burning is to be done in a fire proof container constructed of metal or masonry and is equipped with a spark arrestor or lid with openings no larger than 3/4ths of an inch in diameter.
2. Persons wishing to burn any items other than those listed above must obtain a permit. Such items may include brush or clean wood. Persons wishing to burn anything else must obtain permission from the Fire Chief.
3. When you receive a request for a burn permit whether by phone or in person, the following rules are to be read to the person requesting the permit.
 - a. Burning is restricted to paper, leaves, cut grass, weeds, brush and clean lumber.
 - b. Burning must not be done within 50 feet of a structure nor shall it be allowed to spread to within 50 feet of a structure.
 - c. Fires in approved containers shall not be within 15 feet of a structure.
 - d. Hours of burning shall be from sunrise to no later than 9:00 PM.
 - e. Burning shall be constantly attended-until the fire is extinguished.
 - f. Fire extinguishing equipment must be on site and ready for immediate use. Such equipment includes: dirt sand, garden hose, water barrel, water-truck or fire extinguisher with rating of 4A.
 - g. Burn piles shall be kept small, preferably no larger than 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet.
 - h. Permits-may be refused or cancelled by the Fire Dept. when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make-the fire hazardous.
 - i. Burning that becomes offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions will be extinguished by the permit holder or the Fire Department.
4. The Fire Department personnel taking the request for the burn permit shall enter the appropriate information in the Burn Permit Log.