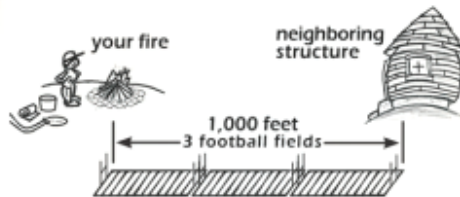




What You Can Burn in the Neighborhood

Is there less than 1,000 feet from where you want to burn and the nearest inhabitable structure?



Ohio law limits what and where you can open burn. The following fires are allowed if there is less than 1,000 feet from where you want to burn and a neighboring inhabitable structure.

You may have a fire for cooking, warmth, pleasure, ceremonial or similar purposes without notification and/or permission from the Ohio EPA as long as:

- You burn only clean, dry, seasoned firewood
- The fire is no larger than 3 ft in diameter and 2 ft high
- The fire is not used for waste disposal

Larger ceremonial fires are allowed with these guidelines:

- You use only clean, dry, seasoned firewood
- The fire is no larger than 5 ft in diameter and 5 ft high
- The fire burns no longer than 3 hours
- The fire is not used for waste disposal

If you live in a restricted area, generally within or just outside a municipal boundary, you must provide written notification to the Ohio EPA District Office or local air pollution control agency 10 days prior to the fire.

Fires for recognized horticultural and wildlife control practices are allowed with written permission from Ohio EPA.

- The application for open burning must be submitted in writing at least 10 working days before the fire is to be set.
- Forms and more information are located at: epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx
- Please call Portage County Recycling for more details: (330) 678 - 8808

Local areas may have more restrictive open burning requirements and local ordinances.

If there is at least 1000 feet from the nearest neighboring inhabitable structure and your fire location, different regulations may apply.

