Burn Permit Information

To apply for a burn permit you must contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (614) 588-5880 48 hours prior to burning. Burn permits only apply to commercial, educational or community organizations. A permit is not required for personal, at home bonfires.

Be prepared to provide the following information:

1) LOCATION: The exact location of the requested burn, referencing landmarks (i.e., trees, bushes, houses, garages, barns, etc.), intersections and buildings. Indicate whether the property is public or private.
2) TIME & DATE: Specify the time and date for the requested burn.
3) ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Specify the type and quantity of material requesting to be burned, as well as the reason for burning.

LOCATION
The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:
1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

BONFIRES
A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

RECREATIONAL FIRES
Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

ATTENDANCE
Open burning; bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with paragraph (F)(906) of rule 1301:7-7-09 of the Administrative Code with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.