

Ohio Open Burning Regulations

Ohio DNR Forestry prohibits outdoor open burning and prescribed fires in the months of March, April, May, October, and November between 6am and 6pm. This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel. Even outside the time and date restrictions, any person conducting a burn must obtain landowner permission, remain with the fire while it is burning, and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the fire from escaping.

Contact Ohio Division of Forestry [1-877-247-8733](tel:1-877-247-8733).

[Ohio Administrative Code 3745.19](#) is enforced by the Ohio EPA.

Notification is required for many types of open burns in Ohio.

NEVER to be burned at any time or any place in Ohio:

- Food waste
- Dead animals
- Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt, or made from petroleum

Other Restrictions:

- Fires must be more than 1000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building
- No burning when air pollution alert, warning, or emergency is in effect
- Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadway, railways, or airfields
- No waste generated off the premises may be burned
- No burning within village or city limits or restricted areas

Contact Ohio EPA: [\(614\) 644-2270](tel:614-644-2270) or [Ohio EPA Open Burning](#).

1503.18 Kindled fires.

(A) No person shall kindle a fire upon public land without the written permission of the forest-fire warden having jurisdiction or on land of another without the written permission of the owner or the owner's agent.

(B) No person shall kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in or near any woodland, brushland, or land containing tree growth or in any place from which the fire is likely to escape unless all leaves, grass, wood, and inflammable material surrounding the place where the fire is kindled have first been removed to a safe distance and all other reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent its escape from control. No fire shall be left until extinguished or safely covered.

© Excepting fires kindled in a plowed field, garden, or public highway at a distance of not less than two hundred feet from any woodland, brush land, or field containing dry grass or other inflammable material, no person shall kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air, outside the limits of any municipal corporation or land controlled by any railroad company, for the purpose of burning wood, brush, weeds, grass, or rubbish of any kind between the hours of six a.m. and six p.m. during the months of March, April, May, October, and November in any year. The chief of the division of forestry may adopt

rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to expand the times and places for kindling fires if for any affected persons.

(D) The times and places for kindling fires established under division (C) of this section may be restricted or eliminated by executive order of the governor if environmental conditions so warrant.

(E) Fires kindled by improperly disposing of a lighted match, cigar, or other burning or glowing substance are kindled fires within the meaning of this section.

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Failure to abide by open burning laws will result in a warning and the fire extinguished. 2nd warnings will result in a fine of up to \$150. 3rd warnings can result in third degree misdemeanor charges, which carry penalties of up to **\$500** and **60 days** of jail time per violation. Any person may report a potential illegal burn that creates wildfire risks to the local law enforcement or Division of Forestry. For more information or questions on open burning, please contact our fire department under the contact us section.