

Northfield Center – Sagamore Hills

Open Burning Regulations

According to the Ohio Fire Code, open burning is allowed in the State of Ohio without a permit. The types of open burning allowed without having to obtain a permit are as follows:

1. In an approved container such as a chimney, fire box, etc. Said containers must be approved and can not be located on any combustible surface (such as a deck). Container must be at least 15 feet from any combustible surface.
2. Open flame cooking devices such as charcoal burners and other open flame cooking devices are allowed but must not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction (a deck is combustible construction).
3. Recreational fires are allowed as long as they are located 25 feet away from any and all combustible structures.

Materials allowed to be burned in approved containers or in recreational fires are clean, dry, seasoned hardwoods ONLY. You may NOT burn yard waste such as leaves, twigs, brush, or grass clippings and the burning of garbage or other waste is also NOT permitted.

Recreational fires must not exceed 3 feet in diameter and no more than 2 feet in height. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher having a minimum size of “4A” 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.

Any open burning, this includes fires in approved containers, open flame cooking devices and recreational fires; that is offensive or objectionable because of odor or smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

Please note: If upon verification by the Fire Department, any type of fire will be extinguished if it becomes a nuisance to surrounding residents. Please call the Fire Department if you have any further questions.