



CANTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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PROCEDURES FOR OPEN BURNING IN CANTON TOWNSHIP

Using the State and Federal EPA rulings and in following their guidelines, the following procedures have been decided upon for Canton Township residents to follow for open burning.

- A maximum of three foot by three foot (3'x3') recreational fire, no more than two feet (2') in height.
- Use clean wood only (no yard waste or household waste).
- The burn is to be in a clear area, both around and above, by a minimum of twenty five (25') feet.
- A garden hose or other means of extinguishment is to be at the burn location to be utilized in the case the open burn gets out of control.
- The fire is to be attended by an adult at all times.
- You must register the open burn with the fire department dispatch at (330) 456-6222 just prior to the start of the fire and again once the fire is extinguished.

If during the course of the fire we receive a complaint from a neighbor or passerby, we will respond to confirm that it is a controlled burn and meets the above guidelines. If we find all to be in order then we will simply leave. If we find the fire is not in compliance with the guidelines, then the fire will be extinguished and a warning will be issued. A second non-compliance complaint will require the Canton Township Fire Department to notify the EPA, which may result in severe penalties.

The local EPA has ordered all fire departments to enforce these laws on open burning or we will be subject to fines ourselves. The fines from the State are very stringent and they do prosecute accordingly.

Any and all variances from this procedure shall require written permission from the Canton Township Fire Department and/or the Ohio EPA, by contacting the Fire Prevention Bureau at (330) 484-6165. The Canton Township Fire Department greatly appreciates your cooperation concerning open burning in our community.