

What can I burn?

The following open fires are **allowed** in Ohio:

| Type of Fire | Inside a village or city* (if generated on property) | Outside a village or city* (if generated on property) |
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| Barbeques, campfires cookouts | Wood stack no larger than 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent. | Wood stack no larger than 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent. |
| Agricultural waste | Agricultural wastes and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock production. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but not buildings. <i>Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building. Must notify Ohio EPA in advance.</i> | Agricultural wastes and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock production. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but not buildings. <i>Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building.</i> |
| Land-clearing waste | Not permitted in city limits | Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues. <i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA. This may take two weeks.</i> |
| Residential waste | Not permitted in city limits | Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues. Also wastes such as wood or paper products that are generated by one-, two-, or three-family residences. <i>Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building.</i> |
| Ceremonial fires | Wood stack no larger than 5 ft. high x 5 ft. wide. Duration no longer than three hours. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent. <i>Must notify Ohio EPA in advance.</i> | Wood stack no larger than 5 ft. high x 5 ft. wide. Duration no longer than three hours. No notification required. |
| Occupational fires: welding torches, heating tar, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers | Use clean, seasoned firewood contained in a 55-gallon drum. | Use clean, seasoned firewood contained in a 55-gallon drum. |
| Firefighter training, Explosive material disposal | <i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA. This may take two weeks.</i> | <i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA. This may take two weeks.</i> |
| Horticultural, silvicultural, range or wildlife management practices | <i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA. This may take two weeks.</i> | <i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA. This may take two weeks.</i> |
| Disease or pest control | Local health department, the Ohio Department of Agriculture or the U.S. Department of Agriculture verifies to Ohio EPA that open burning is the only appropriate control method <i>and must notify Ohio EPA in advance.</i> | Local health department, the Ohio Department of Agriculture or the U.S. Department of Agriculture verifies to Ohio EPA that open burning is the only appropriate control method. |

*villages and cities are considered "**restricted areas**," which include:

- within the boundaries of any municipal corporation;
- within corporation limits and a 1,000-foot zone outside any municipal corporation having a population of 1,000 to 10,000; and
- within corporation limits and a one-mile zone outside any municipal corporation with a population of more than 10,000. Call your local municipality for corporation boundaries.