



WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP BURN PERMIT

Permit Holders Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Permit Holders Address: _____

Open Burn Location: _____

Open burning shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations listed below. Avoid burning on windy days (Your fire is your responsibility). If a complaint is received, the Fire Department may inspect the fire and request that you present your burn permit. Open burning is a regulated privilege for which noncompliance runs the risk of a municipal civil infraction or misdemeanor conviction. It is not necessary to notify the Fire Department on days you wish to burn.

PERMIT REQUIRED: A burn permit has been obtained and is valid for the property owner or occupant with property owner's permission. Open burning on easements / common areas require special permission by the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief.

1. ATTENDANCE: Open burning shall be attended constantly by a competent adult until extinguished.

2. PERMITTED CONTENTS/SIZE:

- Natural wood material including dry, seasoned tree trunks, branches/limbs, sawn lumber (non-treated/finished)
- Volume of material shall be limited to 5' diameter circle, not exceeding 5' in height

Note: a small amount of paper product including cardboard, wood kindling, or commercially available fire starters can be used to aid in the ignition of an open burn.

3. LOCATION: Open burning shall not occur within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless contained within an approved container (noncombustible barrel with a lid or cover to suppress sparks, an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, or below grade enclosure). Open burning in approved containers shall not be located less than 15 feet from a structure or combustible material (any material that will ignite and burn). The burning material shall not exceed 2 feet in diameter x 2 feet in height.

(See attachment for below grade enclosure description).

4. PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING: Burning that will be offensive/nuisance due to smoke, odor, fire debris including embers, sparks, or ash, or when atmospheric conditions (high winds, prolonged drought) make such fires hazardous.

5. PROHIBITED CONTENTS:

Any material causing offensive odor or smoke production including, but not limited to -

- Waste from land clearing processes.
- Waste material from business operations.
- Construction / demolition debris.
- Large volumes of paper product/cardboard.
- Ground covering / vegetation including leaves, grass and brush material.
- Ignitable liquids including gasoline shall not be used with any open burning operation.

6. EXTINGUISHMENT AUTHORITY: When open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, becomes a nuisance, or is noncompliant with Township ordinance, a Fire Department Representative is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.

7. FIRE PROTECTION: A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher (4-A) rating, dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization to extinguish the open burning operation. Conditions that could cause fire to spread to nearby combustibles shall be eliminated prior to the ignition of any open burning operation.

Permit Holders Signature

Date

This becomes a valid permit once signed, and dated by the Permit Holder. **This permit expires twelve months from the signature and date, and is subject to being revoked for noncompliance with the open burning regulations.**

Below Grade Enclosure Description:

A below grade enclosure shall not be less than 12 inches deep and shall not exceed 5 feet in diameter. Horizontal clearance shall be maintained at a minimum of 24 inches between ground vegetation and the upper border of the enclosure. Noncombustible material including but not limited to, sand/dirt, stone or brick shall be placed within this clearance area. Additionally, noncombustible material (as described) shall be positioned around the upper border of the enclosure maintaining at minimum, 10 inches of vertical height above grade.

