



OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS IN HADLEY TOWNSHIP

WHAT IS OPEN BURNING?

“Open burning” is the burning of unwanted materials such as paper, trees, brush, leaves, grass, and other debris where smoke and other emissions are released directly into the air. During open burning, air pollutants do not pass through a chimney or stack and/or combustion of solid waste is not adequately controlled.

Open burning pollutes the air and poses a fire hazard. The air pollution created by open burning can irritate eyes and lungs, obscure visibility, soil nearby surfaces, create annoying odors or pose other nuisance or health threats.

Because of the problems created by this activity, state and local laws prohibit open burning of many materials. Many people are either unaware of the regulations or unsure about which regulations apply to them. The following information will help identify specific rules and regulations for open burning in Hadley Township.

BURNING PERMITS

All burning permits, compliance issues, bans and burning decisions are the sole responsibility of the Hadley Township Fire Chief and/or his/her designees.

Open Burning in Hadley Township is defined as anything larger than a campfire (3' in diameter). All open burning requires a burning permit in Hadley Township. A burning permit can be obtained by visiting www.hadleyfire.com and selecting the Burn Permits link and filling out the online form.

A permit can also be obtained by calling the Fire Chief at **248-705-1819**. Typically, permits are good for three days.

A burn permit allows for tree limbs, brush, stumps, evergreen needles, leaves, and grass to be burned in a safe manner.

The smoke from your fire cannot infringe on a neighboring property. In the event that there's a wind directional change or increasing winds, you will be required to completely extinguish the fire and wait for another day when conditions are appropriate.

Do not start a fire when there is a steady wind, we appreciate good judgement.

All burning requires an able individual that is 18 or older and not intoxicated.

The Fire Chief must issue a permit—IN WRITING—for ongoing burns for construction or land clearing, for roadway maintenance, and for performing prescribed burns.

CAMPFIRES

Campfires are defined as fires that are no larger than 3' in diameter. ***Campfires do NOT require a permit.***

Air quality regulations allow the burning of logs, brush, charcoal, and other similar materials for the purpose of food preparation or recreation. Campfires must be completely extinguished when there is no longer an able attendant 18 or older left to monitor. Unattended smoldering campfires are not allowed.



BURNING OF BUILDING MATERIALS

Air quality and solid waste regulations prohibit open burning of construction and demolition waste. All sawn wood and construction materials are prohibited from burning whether new or old.

BURNING OF BUILDINGS

Structures that are to be demolished by intentional burning are subject to State and Federal regulations. Michigan air regulations only allow buildings to be intentionally burned for fire department training.

LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL WASTE

You cannot burn animal waste in Hadley Township.

BURNING OF HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Public Act 102 of 2012 prohibits trash burning of household waste from a family dwelling with the exception of untreated paper. Trash that contains

plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals, or hazardous materials must not be burned as emissions release chemicals which pose a danger to human health and the environment. Homeowners that choose to burn trash that is not prohibited may do so in an approved container on their property as long as it does not violate any other local or state ordinances or regulations. An approved container is constructed of metal or masonry with a metal covering device with openings no larger than 3/4 inch. Local police and fire officers are authorized to enforce this provision as a state civil infraction of Section 11522 of Act 451 of 1994.

BURNING AS A BUSINESS

A business such as a tree trimming service or business owner cannot burn off natural products or pallets brought into the township from another location.

Notice to those who choose to burn:

You are responsible for fire, smoke, or odors created from open burning... and for damage that results from your fire.

It is a good practice to have a hose, rake or shovel ready to deploy in case of emergency.

Do not be afraid to call 911 in the event that your fire gets beyond your control.