

PLAIN TOWNSHIP FIRE & RESCUE GUIDELINES FOR OPEN BURNING

The EPA, Ohio Division of Air Pollution and Control, has classified Plain Township as a restricted area. Regulations are also governed by the Ohio Fire Code, Ohio Revised Code, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

OPEN BURNING LAW: 3745-19-03

No person shall cause or allow open burning in a restricted area without following the restrictions below:

RECREATIONAL / CAMP FIRE:

A fire for the purpose of cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, warmth, recreational or similar purposes, if all conditions listed are met.

- The wood pile size shall not be more than 3 feet in diameter and not more than 2 feet in height.
- Only clean, dry wood shall be used. Open burning shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes.
- The fire shall be at least 25 feet from any building or structure.
- Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- At least one portable fire extinguisher or other approved extinguishing method shall be available for immediate utilization if needed.
- Fires must be registered with the local fire department 24 hours in advance.
- No open burning of any kind is permitted between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM during the months of March, April, May, October and November.

Open burning is prohibited when the following hazardous conditions exist:

- When local wind speeds exceed 15 MPH
- When the Department of Forestry or other state or local government agency has declared conditions too dry to burn.
- When the EPA or other state or local government agency has declared atmospheric conditions to be inappropriate.

Other information:

- Plain Township Fire & Rescue investigates all open burning complaints and contacts the EPA for enforcement if necessary.
- Plain Township Fire & Rescue attempts to monitor situations, as needed, to maintain a reasonable number of recreational fires per residence.
- Excessive fires, with complaints being received by the fire department, may be classified as a "nuisance" and the applicable laws will be enforced.
- The local EPA authority may be contacted at (330) 489-3385