

NEW LEBANON FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN BURNING REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL FIRE

The Ohio Fire Code is the minimum standard for fire safety in Ohio. The rules are adopted by the Ohio Division of the State Fire Marshall and become statewide law that the Municipality of New Lebanon must comply with. In addition, the Ohio Administrative Code regulates open burning activities and they are also enforced by the Ohio EPA and locally by the Regional Air pollution Control Agency.

OHIO RULES AND LAWS DEFINE A RECREATIONAL FIRE AS:

*An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, or barbecue pit and has a total fire area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height for pleasure, cooking, religious, ceremonial, warmth, or similar purpose. **THESE RULES STATE YARD WASTE MATERIALS MAY NOT BE BURNED AT ANY TIME.***

Residence may have a recreational fire subject to the following rules and regulation:

- The only material that can be burned is clean dry wood as a fuel source, (No rubbish, yard waste, or other prohibited materials defined by the OAC may be burned at anytime).
- If the fire is contained in an approved container such as an outdoor fireplace, barbecue pit, etc. the fire must be at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials.
- For an open burn fire nor contained must be at least 25 feet from a structure, wood fence, neighboring structure, or combustible materials. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of the fire must be eliminated prior to the ignition of a fire.
- **The fire must be constantly attended while burning and must be fully extinguished if it's not attended.**
- A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4A rating, garden hose, bucket of sand, or other suitable means of extinguishing the fire must be present.
- The fire must not create an offensive or objectionable condition that interferes with the neighboring residence use and enjoyment of their property.
- If the fire creates a hazardous condition you will be asked to extinguish the fire or the members of the New Lebanon Fire Department will do so.

If you are found to be in noncompliance with any of the above regulations or disobey orders from the New Lebanon Fire Department to extinguish a nuisance fire you may be subject to criminal prosecution.

If you need further information or clarification of recreational fires you may contact the New Lebanon Fire Administrative Office at (937) 687-7510 M-F 8AM to 4PM. If you suspect an illegal burning in your neighborhood contact the non-emergency dispatch number at (937) 687-3080.