



# Fire Regulations

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Open burning, requiring permits, is **NOT** allowed the Months of May, June, July and August.

Open Burning includes:

- Campfires (4' max diameter)
- Bonfires (Churches and Schools)
- Brush and Branches
- Prescribed Burns
- Agricultural Burning

Burning Permits are required for activities listed below and are not permitted in months noted above. Burning with a permit is allowed from 7 a.m. until Dusk and all Open Burning must be attended at all times by a competent person at least 18 years of age.

- Brush and Branches placed at least 100 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property.
- Prescribed burns (Native grasses)
- Bonfires

Burning Permits are **NOT** required for the following and are allowed year around:

- Campfires which are at least 50 feet from any residence not located on the same property. Patio wood burning units must also comply with these regulations.
- Agricultural burns- Open burning of weeds, brush and crop stubble on agricultural lands is allowed if conducted in accordance with State Regulations.

## Prohibited Burning

- Grass and Leaves
- Construction and demolition waste (including but not limited to: hazardous waste, furniture, tires, petroleum products, stumps, plastics, treated wood).
- Outdoor wood fired boilers
- Any refuse in a Burn Barrels

Selected sections from ORDINANCE NO. 507 OUTDOOR **AND OPEN BURNING ORDINANCES**

**Sec. 10-32. General prohibition on outdoor burning and open burning.**

Open burning and outdoor burning are prohibited in Holland Charter Township unless such burning is specifically permitted by this Ordinance.

**Sec. 10-33. Burning permits.**

Open burning covered under this Section is only allowed with a burning permit issued at the Holland Charter Township Office. In determining such times and conditions for approval of burning permits, the Fire Chief or his/her designee shall consider the amount of rainfall in recent weeks, wind velocity, temperature, humidity any burning standards or burning index promulgated by the state department of Natural Resources or any other state agency, and any other factors likely to increase the possibility of a dangerous or uncontrollable fire.

Any person responsible for burning brush, clean wood or other vegetative debris under Section 10-35 of this Ordinance shall obtain a burning permit before starting the fire.

An outdoor campfire does not require a permit provided that the fire complies with all other applicable provisions of this Ordinance. (See Section 10-35)

When weather conditions warrant, the Fire Chief or his/her designee may temporarily suspend issuance burning permits and may temporarily suspend previously issued burning permits for open burning.

A burning permit issued under this Ordinance shall require compliance with all applicable provisions of this ordinance and any additional special restrictions deemed necessary to protect public health and safety.

Any violation of the conditions of a burning permit shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance. Any violation of this Ordinance or the burning permit shall void the permit.

**Sec. 10-35. Open burning.**

- A. Open burning of the following is prohibited:
  - 1. Open burning of refuse from a commercial or industrial establishment.
  - 2. Open burning of refuse in a burn barrel.
- B. Open burning of the following materials is prohibited:
  - 1. Construction and demolition waste.

2. Hazardous substances including but not limited to batteries, household chemicals, pesticides, used oil, gasoline, paints, varnishes, and solvents.
3. Furniture and appliances.
4. Tires.
5. Any plastic materials including but not limited to nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic fabrics, plastic films and plastic containers.
6. Treated or painted wood including but not limited to plywood, composite wood products, and other wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives.
7. Large logs, stumps, leaves and grass clippings.

C. Open burning of brush and branches is allowed only in accordance with all of the following provisions:

1. Except for campfires, a permit issued in accordance with Sections 10-33 and 10-34 of this Ordinance must be obtained prior to open burning under this Section.
2. Except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, no open burning shall be undertaken during periods when the Governor of Michigan has issued a burning ban applicable to the area.
3. All allowed open burning shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance-free manner, when wind and weather conditions minimize adverse effects and do not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads or airfields. Open burning shall be conducted in conformance with all local and state fire protection regulations.
4. Outdoor campfires and small bonfires for cooking, ceremonies, or recreation are allowed if the campfire is not a nuisance and is 50 feet from any residence not located on the same property.
5. Open burning under this section shall only be conducted at a location at least 100 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property.
6. Except for campfires, open burning shall only be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to dusk during the months of January through April and September through December.
7. Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished and is

cold. The person shall have readily available for use such fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.

8. No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream, or water body.
9. Except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, no burning shall be undertaken within 25 feet from any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exterior window opening, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.
10. No open burning may be conducted on days when the Department of Environmental Quality has declared an air quality or ozone action day.