



Bainbridge Township Fire Department

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OPEN BURNING POLICY

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The Bainbridge Township Fire Department will not issue any burning permits in the restricted area as defined by the Ohio EPA. The Fire Department, as a courtesy to its residents, will provide instructions as to how to obtain a burn permit.

Requests for EPA permits must be made to:

Burt Mechenbier, Air Pollution Control Supervisor
Lake County General Health District
33 Mill Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-350-2543

All persons wishing to conduct an open burn must present a copy of the burn permit from the Ohio EPA or Lake County General Health District to the Bainbridge Township Fire Department between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm weekdays.

A copy of the EPA burn permit must be accompanied by the following:

1. Location of burn
2. Who is to burn, i.e. resident, contractor, etc.
3. What are you going to burn?

The following conditions are placed on permits in addition to those by the EPA:

1. Burning to be done during daylight hours only.
2. Burning to be done a minimum of 50 feet from any structure.
3. Burning to be attended at all times with a charged hose line.
4. Pile of debris not to exceed 5 feet in diameter x 5 feet in height.
5. Should the Fire Department receive a complaint about the burn, the applicant will be required to extinguish the fire.
6. Failure to obtain a permit or to extinguish the fire when ordered to do so could result in prosecution.
7. Maximum time on permit is seven (7) days.
8. No materials are to be burned which contain rubber, grease, asphalt or liquid petroleum products.
9. Fire is to be set only when atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate contaminants.

A copy of the EPA open burning standards is available at the Fire Station and at this link:

<http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf>