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Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Regarding Kindled Fires

Prohibits outdoor open burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October, and November between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.

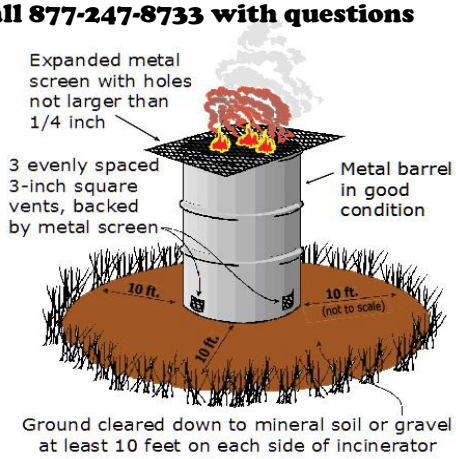
This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel.

During Spring, wildfire danger is high before plants have turned green, and in Fall, fire danger is high due to abundant dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather in both seasons also contribute to elevated fire risk. Always be sure to use a proper burn barrel when burning outdoors during legal hours.

Call your fire department for info about local burning regulations.

ORC 1503.18 is enforced by the Ohio Division of Forestry.

Call 877-247-8733 with questions



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Ohio Administrative Code 3745.19 Regarding Outdoor Burning

OAC 3745.19 is enforced by the Ohio EPA

EPA notification is required for many types of open burns in Ohio.

Call 614-644-2270 with questions or visit: www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx **for complete rules and to find your local EPA office or air pollution control agency.**

EPA Basics for Homeowners

Materials NEVER to be burned at any time or any place in Ohio:

1. **Food Waste**
2. **Dead Animals**
3. **Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt, or made from petroleum**

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1. **Fires must be more than 1000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building**
2. **No burning when air pollution alert, warning, or emergency is in effect**
3. **Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadway, railways, or airfields**
4. **No waste generated off the premises may be burned**
5. **No burning within village or city limits or restricted areas**

OBEY OPEN BURNING LAWS
AVOID CITATION
BE SAFE!

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