

The State Fire Marshal Offers These [Tips](#)  
When Burning Outside:

Obey local ordinances. Many cities do not permit outside burning.

Check with your local fire [department](#) to find out if there is a burn ban in effect when extremely dry [conditions](#) are present.

Never throw flammable liquids [onto](#) a fire.

Clear debris around areas that are being burned to avoid fire spreading to unintended locations. Spray water around the outside of leaf piles to avoid fire spreading to other areas.

If your clothing catches on fire, you're never too old to stop, drop, and roll to smother the flames. Do not run while on fire.

Keep water nearby to quickly douse flames that grow too rapidly. A garden hose is recommended.

Never burn in windy conditions. If the wind picks up after you start burning, quickly extinguish the flames and choose a different day to finish burning.

Consider using leaves as mulch for gardens to avoid unneeded fires.

Don't be afraid to ask for assistance from neighbors prior to burning leaves.

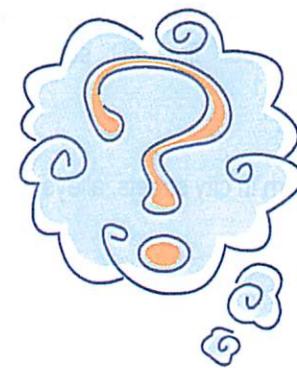
Wear 100% cotton clothing with long sleeves and avoid wearing nylon clothes around a fire.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED

# QUESTIONS

## ABOUT OPEN BURNING



## City of Clinton Ordinance # 2429

### Burning Regulations

Open Burning is not allowed, except those with lots one acre or larger (with less than 5 dwelling units), and then only from April 1<sup>st</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Recreational Fires are allowed, following the listed rules and guidelines.

#### Where:

Open burning of Landscape Waste and Recreational fires must be no closer than 25 feet to a structure or combustible material.

Ref: .04-1, and .07-5

Recreational fire clearance may be reduced to 15 feet when the recreational fire is contained in a commercial outdoor fire unit such as a Chiminea. Ref: .04-1

It is unlawful to burn in city streets, alleys or right of ways.

#### What:

Open Burning is limited to; clean dry untreated lumber, and landscape waste. Ref: .02-3 and .02-7

Recreational fires are limited to; Clean dry untreated lumber, dry seasoned wood, propane, natural gas or charcoal. Ref: .02-11

#### Size:

Open Burning of Landscape Waste and Recreational fires are limited to no greater than 3 feet in diameter and no greater than 2 feet in height. Ref: .02-11 and .07-5

#### Protection:

All fires shall be constantly attended by an adult until such fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4-A or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization. Ref: .06-2

#### Other:

No fire shall be allowed when wind speeds exceed 15 mph. Ref: .07-3

No fire shall be allowed that is a nuisance or a hazard to surrounding property. Ref: .07-6

#### OPEN BURNING AND RECREATIONAL FIRE FACT SHEET

Any of the following boxes marked "no" is a violation of City Ordinance #2429

|                               |     |    |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|
| Correct time.                 | Yes | No |
| Proper location and distance. | Yes | No |
| Approved material.            | Yes | No |
| Proper size.                  | Yes | No |
| Safety precautions in place.  | Yes | No |

Any of the following boxes marked "yes", is a violation of City Ordinance # 2429

|                                 |     |    |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| Fire is a nuisance or a hazard. | Yes | No |
| Winds exceed 15 mph.            | Yes | No |

If a person has a permit for an exemption to normal burning regulations, they must follow the exemption they have been given and may not be in violation of any other rules set. For example: If you have a permit to have a fire which goes past 5:00 P.M. and that is all the permit states, you would be in violation if you are burning too close to a structure or combustible material.

#### Yes You May

Have an open burn that falls within City Ordinance guidelines.

Have a recreational fire that falls within the City Ordinance guidelines.

#### No You May Not:

No burning is allowed in burn barrels, drums, or trash containers whether designed for burning or not. Ref: .02-2.

No burning of garbage, tires, trade waste, or locally recyclable goods, or plastics. Ref: .03

No open burning other than Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on lots of 1 Acre or more. Ref: .04-6

No open burning of piles larger than 3 feet in diameter and two feet high. Ref: .04-10

No BBQ grills or other open flame cooking devices shall be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction, unless the building, balconies, and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system or the dwelling is a one or two family dwelling. Ref: .04-3

**OPEN BURNING allowed only on lots 1 Acre or larger with 4 or less dwelling units. For all others, the ONLY ALLOWED BURNING is recreational fires. Ref: .04-6**