Is there less than 1,000 feet from where you want to burn and the nearest inhabitable structure?

You may have a fire for cooking, warmth, pleasure, ceremonial or similar purposes without notification and/or permission from the Ohio EPA as long as:

• burn only clean, dry, seasoned firewood;

• the fire is no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high; and

• fire is not used for waste disposal.

Larger ceremonial fires are allowed with these guidelines:

• use only clean, dry, seasoned firewood;

• the fire is no larger than 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet high;

• the fire burns no longer than 3 hours; and

• fire is not used for waste disposal.

Ohio law limits what and where you can open burn. The following fires are allowed if there is less than 1,000 feet from where you want to burn and a neighboring inhabitable structure.
If you live in a restricted area, generally within or just outside a municipal boundary, you must provide written notification to the Ohio EPA district office or local air pollution control agency 10 days prior to the fire.

Fires for recognized horticultural, silviculture, prairie management, invasive species management and wildlife control practices are allowed prior notification to Ohio EPA.

- The notification of intent for open burning must be submitted in writing at least 10 working days before the fire is to be set.
- Forms and more information are located at: epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning
- Please call your local Ohio EPA district, local air pollution control agency and/or local fire department for more information.

Local areas may have more restrictive open burning requirements and local ordinances.

If there is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighboring inhabitable structure and your fire location, different regulations may apply.

For more information about Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) open burning regulations please contact your Ohio EPA district and/or local air agency.