



MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE-RESCUE

225 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387-1812
(937)767-7842 • Fax: (937)767-7811 • E-mail: info@mtfr.org
www.mtfr.org

OPEN BURNING INFORMATION

For residents of Miami Township & Yellow Springs*

What is open burning?

The Ohio EPA defines open burning as any time you light an outdoor fire without a chimney or stack.

Why is open burning a problem?

Open burning can release many kinds of toxic fumes as well as millions of spores. These substances can cause many people with allergies or asthma to have difficulty breathing. Additionally, open burning makes it difficult to meet health-based air quality standards.

What open burning is never allowed?

Under Ohio law, these materials may not be burned at any time:

- Garbage: any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food.
- Materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum products, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics or plastic-coated wire.
- Dead animals or other bio-hazardous waste.

Other restrictions include:

- Open burning is not allowed when air pollution warnings, alerts or emergencies are in effect. If in doubt, contact Regional Air Pollution Control at (800) 458-2115.
- Fires and smoke cannot obscure visibility on roads.
- No wastes generated off the premises may be burned. For example, a tree trimming contractor may not haul branches or limbs to another site to burn.
- Open burning is generally not allowed within 1000' of Village limits and/or 50' of a structure.

What happens if I'm caught illegally open burning?

You may be referred to the Ohio EPA, which has the authority to enforce the state's open burning laws. Violations can result in substantial penalties.

** Miami Township Fire-Rescue does not currently enforce open burning regulations in the Village of Clifton. Clifton residents should contact Regional Air Pollution Control at (800) 458-2115 for information.*

Serving the residents of Clifton, Miami Township and Yellow Springs.

What can I burn?

The following are allowed:

Type of Fire	Village of Yellow Springs	Miami Township
Barbeques, campfires, cookouts	Wood stacks no larger than 2' high x 3' wide. Use clean, seasoned wood only contained in a fire pit or fire ring	Wood stacks no larger than 2' high x 3' wide. Use clean, seasoned wood only contained in a fire pit or fire ring
Agricultural waste	Not permitted	Waste and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock production. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but NOT buildings. <i>Permit required from MTFR (\$10)</i>
Land-clearing waste	Not permitted	Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues. <i>Permit required from MTFR (\$10)</i>
Residential waste	Not permitted	Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues. <i>Permit required from MTFR (\$10)</i>
Ceremonial fires/Bonfires	Wood stack no larger than 5' high x 5' wide and no within 50' of a structure. Duration no more than 3 hours. Use clean, seasoned firewood. <i>Permit required from MTFR (\$1)</i>	Wood stack no larger than 5' high x 5' wide and no within 50' of a structure. Duration no more than 3 hours. Use clean, seasoned firewood. <i>Permit required from MTFR (\$1)</i>
Occupational fires: welding torches, heating tar, heating for warmth of outdoor workers or strikers	Use clean, seasoned firewood contained in a 55-gallon drum	Use clean, seasoned firewood contained in a 55-gallon drum
Horticultural, silvicultural, range or wildlife management practices	With written permission from Ohio EPA	With written permission from Ohio EPA
Disease or pest control	Local health department, the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture or the US Dept. of Agriculture verifies to OEPA that burning is the only appropriate control method.	Local health department, the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture or the US Dept. of Agriculture verifies to OEPA that burning is the only appropriate control method.