

Special Open Burning Permit Application

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These special permits are intended for single-day cleanups of land which has been cleared for one reason or another, but are impractical to transport to our composting facility. The Department of Environmental Protection does not allow regular and repeated burning of yard waste since it has provided generous grant funding to the township for yard waste composting equipment. Neither DEP nor the township want the material burned when resources exist for composting instead.

Applicant Information

Applicant & Owner: (print) _____

Address: _____

Application Date: _____ Proposed Burn Date _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Your Plan

Fire Control and Extinguishing Plan: _____

Please provide a sketch of the property showing the proposed fire location, the nearest structures and live vegetation, and the source of your extinguishing provisions. Use the space below.

I have read, fully understand and agree to comply with all the following regulations.

Signature _____

Date _____

Regulations for Clearing and Grubbing Waste Materials

Materials

1. Acceptable clearing wastes include trees, shrubs, and other native vegetation, which are cleared from land, typically during or prior to the process of construction. The term does not include demolition wastes and dirt-laden roots.
2. The following items are unlawful to use to start or accelerate a fire, domestic refuse (household trash), any recyclable material, demolition waste (insulation, shingles, siding, etc.), furniture, mattresses or box springs, paint, putrescible waste, solvents, tires, or treated wood.
3. Clearing and grubbing waste cannot be transported for the purpose of burning from one area of the township to another. (If you are able to transport it, the material should go to one of the composting facilities.)

Notifications

4. The non-emergency 911 call center 814-940-5953 must be notified prior to burning and after burning is completed.
5. A general schedule of burning should be shared with the officials of the Township and/or Excelsior or Pineroft Fire Company (depending on which covers your area) so as to be able to address any problems that may arise. (This, too, may be communicated via e-mail.)

Other Conditions

6. Fire must be attended at all times by a competent adult.
7. Burning is prohibited during periods of high winds and drought.
8. Applicant must be the owner of the property.
9. The permit will be good for one day, so plan your burn so it can be done in a single day.
10. The applicant may apply for an extension only if changes in weather prevent it being completed in a single day.
11. Burning should take place only during hours prescribed in the township's Burning Ordinance – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
12. Any fire must be supervised at all times by an able-bodied adult capable of addressing or communicating problems with the fire.
13. No flammable material (including other woody material, dry grass, or any structures) should be near the fire. The ordinance calls for a minimum of 15 feet, but we would further recommend longer distances if the fire is substantial in size.
14. Water or some other extinguishing agent must be available at all times. Those supervising the fire must be aware of, and a plan for extinguishing the fire, in such circumstances should be shared with the Township. (This may be done in a brief note or e-mail.)

Prohibitions

15. Leaves, green trimmings, construction, demolition, or any other solid waste may be burned – only dry woody trimmings.
16. The Township may order the ceasing of burning activities if excessive air emissions become a nuisance or public health or safety concern.
17. If the fire is offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor, the fire shall be order extinguished by Township Supervisors or their Duly Authorized Representative.