



RULES FOR OPEN BURNING: BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP & GENOA TOWNSHIP

Is open burning allowed?

Under certain circumstances, small (3' diameter by 2' high) recreational fires (campfires) are allowed as long as they are:

- Contained in a metal outdoor fireplace or some other non-combustible container
- Using only seasoned dried fire wood
- Kept at least 25' from any structures or combustible materials (house, shed, garage, wood fence, deck, etc.)
- Provide a means that will keep the fire from spreading to within 25' of structures (garden hose turned on, shovels, metal rakes, etc.)

Can I burn household trash?

No, under no circumstances can household trash or construction materials be burned. This is a violation of both State Law and the Local Fire Code.

Can I burn yard waste?

Between sunrise and sunset only, leaves, brush, twigs, and tree limbs may be burned with the following conditions:

- The fire is tended by an adult and adequate fire containment methods are present when burning occurs.
- The fire is kept at least 50' from any structures or combustible materials (house, shed, garage, wood fence, deck, etc.).
- A means is provided that will keep the fire from spreading to within 50' of structures (garden hose turned on, shovels, metal rakes, etc.).

Can I have a bon fire?

Bonfires are allowed with the same conditions as above for yard waste fires. Only seasoned dry firewood can be burned. The burning of trash and construction materials is prohibited.

At no time is the use of accelerants (flammable or combustible liquids) allowed to start or increase the burning of any open burning.

All fires that are considered to be objectionable or complained about must be extinguished. The Fire Department will respond to and act upon all open burning complaints.

(Rules per the International Fire Code Section 307, Charter Township of Brighton Code of Ordinances Section 11-12, and Genoa Township Ordinance No. 070917)
