



## **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)*