

# Clinton County Community Burn Ordinances

Pertaining to recreational fires and burning of yard and household waste\*\*

*Updated December 2003*

1. **Bath Charter Township\***: Permit required. No windy conditions, fires must be out by dark. Guidelines: Brush, no larger than five (5) ft. in diameter x five (5) ft. high. Leaves and grass raked into piles no larger than three (3) ft. x two (2) ft. high. The burning of tires, roofing, electrical wiring, garbage, human waste or other rubber or petroleum product is prohibited. The burning of open fields is not allowed unless first inspected and approved by the Fire Chief. The burning of paper, cardboard and wood products are allowed without a permit in an approved container.\*\* Burning paper, cardboard and wood products on the ground require a permit.
2. **Bengal Township**: Permit required to burn yard waste. Must call the St. Johns Police or Gary Weber, Fire Chief in Fowler for permits. Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed.\*\*
3. **Bingham Township\***: Recently incorporated permit requirement for bon fire and yard waste fires. Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed. \*\*
4. **Dallas Township**: Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed.\*\* No permit is needed for yard wastes or recreational fires.
5. **DeWitt Charter Township\***: Ordinance was amended in 2003. Permits are required for yard waste and recreational fires. Open burning is prohibited including burning of household waste containing paper products, garbage, solid waste, rubber or other petroleum based products (including tires); building material, roofing material, electrical wiring, human or animal feces, animal carcasses, plastics and lawn clippings, and burning of muck. Location of open burning shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any structure – does allow for exceptions.
6. **Duplain Township**: Burning of household waste in burning barrels is allowed.\*\* Permits are required from the Fire Chief for burning of yard waste and for recreational fires.
7. **Eagle Township**: Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed.\*\* No permit is needed for yard wastes or recreational fires.
8. **Essex Township\***: Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed.\*\* Permits for burning of yard waste and recreational fires are required from Fire Department.
9. **Greenbush Township\***: Permits required for burning of yard waste and recreational fires if occurs directly on the ground. No permit required for burning of household waste in an approved container. \*\*

10. **Lebanon Township:** Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed. \*\* No permit is needed for yard wastes or recreational fires.
11. **Olive Township\*:** Adopted in 2004 – Burning of household paper waste is allowed in an approved burning barrel with a spark arrester (screen). Permits for yard wastes are good for 3 days at a time, and can be obtained by calling the DeWitt Police Department at 517-669-9131 Monday – Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM. Recreational Fire Permits are required for campfires. They can be obtained via FAX or in person and are good until March 31 of the following year. No burning if winds are over 15 mph, and yard waste burning is not allowed after dark..
12. **Ovid Township:** Burning of household waste in approved container allowed.\*\* Permits for burning of yard waste and recreational fires are required from Fire Chief.
13. **Riley Township\*:** Burning of household paper waste is allowed in an approved burning barrel with a spark arrester (screen). Permits for yard wastes are good for 3 days at a time, and can be obtained by calling the DeWitt Police Department at 517-669-9131 Monday – Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM. Permits are NOT required for recreational campfires. No burning if winds are over 15 mph, and yard waste burning is not allowed after dark.
14. **Victor Township\*:** Ordinance was amended in 2003. Burning of household waste is allowed in an approved container. Yet under fires prohibited, the following are mentioned: garbage, animals, carcasses, refuse, trash, rubbish or other material which exudes obnoxious odors or where such fire causes burning embers or other flaming material to enter upon other lands or premises. Permits required for recreational fires and burning of yard waste.
15. **Watertown Charter Township\*:** Burning of household waste is acceptable if in an approved container. Permit required for burning yard waste and recreational fires.
16. **Westphalia Township\*\*:** Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed.\*\* No permit is needed for yard wastes or recreational fires.
17. **City of DeWitt\*:** All outdoor burning is prohibited in the City except for those parcels described in ordinance. Recreational fires are allowed, but not during the hours of midnight to 6:00 a.m. Burning restrictions and allowances are outlined in ordinance. Burning of yard waste is allowed for those parcels two acres or greater, however a permit is required.
18. **City of St. Johns\*:** Ordinance (1992) Prohibits open burning of yard waste and household waste.
19. **Village of Eagle\*:** Ordinance (Amended 2002) No fires of any kind within streets of Village.

20. **Village of Elsie\***: Ordinance (1993) Burning of household waste and yard waste is prohibited. Burning permits are required for recreational fires.
21. **Village of Fowler\***: Ordinance (2003 Amendments to Fowler Code of Ordinances) Prohibits burner barrels or other outdoor fire disposal systems. Prohibits leaf, brush, grass clippings, rubbish, papers or household waste burning. Cooking fires and camp fires are permitted with certain provisions.
22. **Village of Maple Rapids**: Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed.\*\* No permit is needed for yard wastes or recreational fires.
23. **Village of Ovid**: Burning of household waste allowed; no permit needed.\*\* No permit is needed for yard wastes or recreational fires.
24. **Westphalia Village\***: Ordinance (1998) Prohibits burning of household waste, permit provided for burning of yard waste, but can't be less than 20 feet from any property line and 50 feet from any structure or tree, adopted 1998.

\*Ordinances and Guidelines on File

\*\* Per State guidelines, burning of certain household wastes are prohibited in instances where local governments allow burning. These include: asbestos, hazardous commercial chemical products, batteries, pesticide containers, and construction and demolition waste. Burning of any type of commercial or industrial waste, or structures is prohibited by State law.