

# Clinton County Community Burn Ordinances

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

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Public Act 102 of 2012 was signed into law on April 19, 2012, prohibiting the open burning of household trash that contains plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals or hazardous materials. The burning of these household trash items pose a danger to human health and the environment. The law amends the open burning provisions contained in Section 11522 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Public Act 451 of 1994). The changes take effect on October 16, 2012 and contain penalty provisions, which may be enforced by local units of government, should a local ordinance not exist.

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:** No ordinance is in effect. Please call your local fire department for a burn permit.
3. **Bingham Township:** Please call your local fire department for updated burning permit information.
4. **Dallas Township:** Burning permits are issued by calling (989) 593-3146. You will be asked to leave your name and number, when you would like to burn, how many days, what you plan on burning, address and Township that you live in. You will be contacted if a permit will be DENIED. Please call 24 hours in advance. Permits are only valid during daylight hours. ONLY brush, grass, and yard waste will be permitted, (no tires, shingles, structures, etc.) Please plan ahead. Any grass field over 3 acres will need permission from the Chief or Deputy Chief so that the proper authorities are made aware of the situation.
5. **DeWitt Charter Township Dewitt Township:** DeWitt Charter Township allows open burning through a written permit process. The permit must be obtained prior to any initial burning. After receiving the written permit a resident need only call the Fire Department to activate the burning permit prior to burning. The permit may be activated for up to three days at a time. Open burning is permitted from sunrise to sunset.

The only items allowed to be burned are brush (tree limbs, branches, twigs, yard debris) and leaves. All other materials are prohibited.

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, yard wastes or recreational fires are allowed with a permit. For a permit call (517) 627-9831.
8. **Essex Township:** Burning permits are issued by the Maple Rapids DPW. Please request a permit prior to burning by contacting DPW @ 989-682-4569.
9. **Greenbush Township:** Permits required for burning of yard waste and recreational fires if occurs directly on the ground. No burning of household waste allowed.
10. **Lebanon Township:** No local ordinance in effect. Please call your local fire department for permit
11. **Olive Township:** Brush permits are good for up to 3 days (call **669-9131** M-F, 8 AM - 5 PM), all burning must be done during daylight hours only. Must be attended by an adult until extinguished. No fires if wind speeds exceed 15 MPH. Must be at least 10 feet from adjoining property line and 50 feet from any structure. Campfire permits are good until March 31 of the following year. Campfires may not exceed 5 feet in diameter of 3 feet in height and must be out by 2:00 A.M. A permit can be obtained by visiting City Hall.
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:** Brush permits are good for up to 3 days (call **669-9131** M-F, 8 AM - 5 PM). Burning must be done during daylight hours only. Fires are to be constantly attended by an adult until extinguished. No burning if wind speeds exceed 15 MPH. Campfires for recreation or cooking require NO permit and must be no longer than 3 feet in diameter and 5 feet in height.
14. **Victor Township:** Recreational fires only. Permit required. Please call the township at 989-227-0833
15. **Watertown Charter Township:** Call the Looking Glass Fire Dept. for burn permits in Watertown Township 627-9831.

16. **Westphalia Township:** Please contact your local fire department for updated burn permit information at 989-587-3411

17. **City of DeWitt:** Only parcels two acres or greater may burn brush during the months of June, July and August. No burn pile shall exceed 5 feet in height and 10 feet in width. A 14-day permit is required. Call 669-9131 Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Cooking/Campfires are permitted for everyone no permit needed. Must be no larger than 4 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height. Any burning shall occur at 25 feet from any structure and property line and shall be at the rear of property away from any roadway and sidewalk, unless in an above ground commercially manufactured fire receptacle not modified from its original purpose, or in a masonry fireplace made for outdoor burning. All fires must be out by Midnight, no burning from Midnight to 6 a.m. No burning of leaves, building materials, tires and petroleum products. Must be supervised by an adult at all times. No fires if wind speed exceeds 10 MPH.

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:** Open burning of refuse or grass clippings are prohibited. Open Burning of trees, logs, and leaves is allowed only in accordance with local provisions. Outdoor Campfires for cooking, ceremonies, or recreation are allowed within certain restrictions. Call for details at (989) 862-4273

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 permits are issued by the Maple Rapids DPW. Please request a permit prior to burning by contacting DPW @ 989-682-4569.

23. **Village of Ovid:** No permit is needed for yard wastes or recreational fires. For more information please contact Jerry Stevens, Fire Chief or Josefina Medina, Village Clerk at 989-834-5550.

24. **Westphalia Village:** No burning is allowed within the village.

\*\* 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.