



# Open Burning Regulations in the City of Willoughby Hills



The following are applicable excerpts from the State of Ohio and City of Willoughby Hills Fire Codes, which are meant to supplement the Ohio EPA's "Before You Light It..." literature:

- **1503.04 PROHIBITION OF FIRES IN MULTIPLE DWELLINGS.**

No person, tenant or leaseholder shall kindle or maintain a fire to be used for the preparation of food, or for any other purpose, in any type of outdoor or portable grill in any apartment or on or below any apartment house balcony, or within twenty feet of any structure housing more than two families. **(No grilling on balconies of multi-family dwellings or within 20 feet of the building.)**

- **1503.02 FIRE CHIEF MAY DISALLOW EXCEPTIONS.**

Exceptions to the open burning law shall not apply to any instance or any situation wherein the Chief of the Fire Department or designee deems it unsafe to allow such fire and has notified the owner or occupier of the premises to that effect. In addition, where, as a result of two or more violations concerning excessive smoke or obnoxious odors resulting from such fires, due warning to cease and desist has been ignored by the owner or occupier of the premises to that effect, such exceptions shall not apply.

**(The fire department is authorized to order any open burn to be extinguished or to disallow exceptions to the law.)**

- **307.4 LOCATION**

307.4.1 Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4.2 Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one-and two-family dwellings.

- **307.5 ATTENDANCE**

Opening burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with paragraph (F)(906) of rule 1301:7-7-09 of the Administrative Code with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization. **(Fires cannot be left unattended and a means of putting them out should be readily available.)**