

Specifications:

In order to process and approve this application, the following information must be provided in detail.

1. Give the exact location of the requested burn, referencing landmarks, intersections and buildings. Indicate whether the property is public or private.
2. If the location is on private property:
 - a. Provide written consent from the property owner for use of the property in open burning.
 - b. Specify what, if any, accelerants are to be used.
3. Specify the time and date for the requested burn.
4. Specify the type and quantity of material requesting to be burned.
5. Specify how the requested burn material is to be ignited.
6. If burn is to be held in a container, the applicant must provide a photograph of the container for approval by the Columbus Division of Fire.

All requested specifications that do not create or add to a hazardous condition for persons or property will be approved. Any open burning conducted under this permit must be conducted in accordance with the specifications approved by the Columbus Division of Fire. Any deviations from the approved specifications shall constitute unlawful open burning. This will result in the permit being voided and will subject the permit holder to potential civil and/or criminal liability.

Requirements:

1. The burning location must not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading within 50 feet of any structure. Fires will be permitted not less than 15 feet from any structure provided the burn is conducted in a container approved in conjunction with this application by the Columbus Division of Fire. O.A.C. 1301:7-7-03,(307.4)
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.
3. Any open burning shall be constantly attended by the permit holder until the fire is extinguished. At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or any other fire extinguishing equipment as deemed necessary by the fire official upon issuance of the permit shall be provided by the permit holder and readily available at all times the permit is in effect. O.A.C. 1301:7-7-03,(307.5)
4. Approved materials shall be ignited only by the permit holder. The permit holder shall not permit any other person to ignite materials or add them to the fire, regardless whether the materials have been pre-approved by the permit.

Failure of a permit holder to meet any one of these requirements will result in the denial of a permit application or revocation of a permit by any authorized Fire Official.

Guidelines for Burning and Permit Approval

Permits will be approved to the extent that the requested activity does not create or add to a hazardous condition for persons or property. Approval of all burn permits and any open burning conducted under a permit issued in accordance with this section are subject to the following standards as well as those set forth in the Ohio Administrative Code Section 1301:7-7-03.

1. The volume of the materials to be burned will be governed by the burning location and will be subject to pre-approval of the fire official.
2. No site shall be approved for an open burning permit where the intent of the contractor or any other applicant is to transport any material, whether clean fuel or otherwise, from the location where it was produced to the site under consideration for the purpose of disposing of the material by open burning.
3. Open burning shall not be permitted for waste disposal.

4. No open burning shall be permitted during an air pollution alert, warning or emergency (as determined by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency) for the City of Columbus area. Any officer authorized to enforce this chapter may prohibit any or all-open burning when local circumstances make such fires hazardous or undesirable.O.A.C. 1301:7-7-03,(307.1.2)
5. **Open Burning Prohibited** O.A.C. 1301:7-7-03, (307.1.1). The code official shall prohibit open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. The code official shall order the extinguishment, by the permit holder or the fire department, of any open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.
6. The use of accelerants for purposes of open burning shall be prohibited upon public property. Accelerants pre-approved by the division of fire may be used on private property upon written consent of the property owner submitted with the burn permit application.
7. No burn permit shall be issued for use at a location where a street occupancy permit has previously been issued by the City of Columbus without express written permission from the occupancy permit holder if that permit holder and the burn permit applicant are not one in the same.

Bonfires

The above guidelines apply to bonfires in addition to the following requirements.

1. 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 that could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
2. Fuel for the bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.
3. All permits shall be requested and issued to the owner of the property where the bonfire is located. O.A.C. 1301:7-7-03,(307.2)

Any burning conducted in violation of the above listed specifications, requirements or guidelines shall be grounds for immediate voiding of the approved permit and shall subject the permit holder to criminal and/or civil liability.