



**Regional Air Pollution Control Agency**  
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Dear Fire Department Personnel:

Beginning May 30, 2017, RAPCA will no longer be issuing open burning permissions except for required State permissions that involve fire training, prairie burns, land management, and other limited approved circumstances. Anyone choosing to burn for the purpose of waste disposal must follow the terms and conditions listed below and comply with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) [3745-19 Open Burning Standards \(http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3745-19\)](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3745-19). Failure to comply with these rules may result in possible enforcement action and revocation of open burning privileges.

RAPCA will be maintaining a list of addresses on our website where residents have demonstrated and/or stated that they can meet the OAC rules and agree to the open burning terms and conditions. This list is being maintained as a courtesy to residents and local fire departments to help alleviate any unnecessary fire squad calls. New applicants should complete an open burning application and submit to RAPCA for approval and addition to the list. **Please note that names will not be included on the list.**

#### **Open Burning Terms and Conditions**

- Only clean, dry, untreated wood or other approved materials may be burned. See [OAC 3745-19](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3745-19) for a complete list of approved materials or contact RAPCA with questions.
- Burn site must be located **at least 1,000 feet** from the nearest neighboring residence.
- Notify your local Fire Department prior to burning.
- Maintain all fires in a nuisance free fashion.
- Burning of asphalt shingles, trash, tires, plastics, furniture, mattresses, building materials is strictly prohibited and all other prohibited materials. See [OAC 3745-19](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3745-19) for a complete list of prohibited materials or contact RAPCA with questions.
- Fire extinguishing materials must be on-site at all times.
- Do NOT burn during high wind conditions, please check with your local fire department if there are any questions.

- Open burning on Air Pollution Advisory days is prohibited. Call the RAPCA Airline at 937-223-3222, or visit the [RAPCA](#) home page, to find out if an advisory has been issued.
- Resident must recognize dry conditions and obey any state or local advisories and/or bans against open burning. Specifically, OAC 3745-19 does not relieve the resident of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Forestry open burning requirements contained in [Ohio Revised Code 1503.18](#) which prohibit most prescribed/prairie burns and brush/waste disposal fires from being set in unincorporated areas between the hours of 6am to 6pm during March, April, May, October and November unless applicant obtains a waiver from the Chief of the Division of Forestry.

A list of addresses will be posted on the RAPCA website [www.rapca.org](http://www.rapca.org) by May 30, 2017. It will be sorted by county. **Please help RAPCA spread the word to other fire departments not easily accessible by email by discussing at local meetings and by any other communication methods.**

Feel free to contact RAPCA with any questions. We also welcome suggestions to improve this process!

Sincerely,  
Jason Simon