

Village of Harveysburg – Open Burn Policy

There seems to be some confusion regarding Open Burns within Harveysburg Village limits. Open Burns for our Village residents can be associated with bonfires, campfires, and outdoor fireplace equipment. For these situations, you are not required to contact the Village Office, nor are you required to contact the Massie Township Fire Department or County Dispatch. Caution must be used in time of drought, and all Open Burns must comply with the restrictions outlined in **Section 428** of the Harveysburg Zoning Ordinance (See Below).

For those residents intending to burn landscape waste such as tree limbs, leaves and brush, it is always recommended that you are mindful of the size of the fuel area, respect suggested setbacks from adjacent structures and to ***always inform County Dispatch*** as to the time and location of your open burn. At no time is it permissible to use an open burn to dispose of furniture, construction debris, demolition debris or any type of residential garbage and rubbish.

Any exceptions to **Section 428**, **WILL REQUIRE A FIRE PERMIT** and permission from the Harveysburg Zoning Administrator and the Massie Township Fire Department.

Essential Phone Numbers:

County Dispatch	513-695-2525
Village Office	513-897-3998
Massie Township FD	513-432-1042

Harveysburg Zoning Ordinance – Section 428

428 Open Burning in Restricted Areas

Open Burning shall be allowed for the following purposes without notification to or permission from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency:

1. Heating tar, welding, acetylene torches, highway safety flares, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers, smudge pots, and similar occupational needs.
2. Bonfires, campfires, and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational, or similar purposes, if the following conditions are met:
 - a. They are fueled with clean, seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood.
 - b. They are not used for waste disposal purposes.
 - c. They shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height except when such fire is used for ceremonial purposes it may have a total fuel area no greater than five feet in diameter and five feet in height; and
 - d. Non-contained shall be located no closer than 25 feet to any structure, shall burn no longer than three hours, and shall be continually supervised during that period.

Fires of any kind that are different from the above stipulations require a fire permit with the approval of the Zoning Administrator and the local fire authority.