

BURNING IN FLUSHING TOWNSHIP

Advice on Burning with Safety in Mind

- Flushing Township does not require a burn permit for residents to be able to burn.
- When burning make sure the conditions are not too dry and the wind isn't strong enough to cause the fire to get out of control or make the smoke a nuisance to your neighbors.
- The Flushing Fire Department follows the state requirement on burning bans.
- Watch the local news to know whether or not the weather conditions are favorable for burning, or if a burn ban has been put in place at the county or state level.
- Below is an excerpt from the Flushing Township Code of Ordinances in regards to burning and the entire ordinance is available at www.flushingtowship.com or at the Flushing Township Offices located at 6524 N. Seymour Road, Flushing, MI 48433.

Charter Township of Flushing

Chapter 5 Fire Prevention and Protection

Article 1 In General

Sec. 5-1. Definitions.

Defines open fire as any fire not within incinerator or other enclosure and defines recreational fire as an outdoor fire within a suitable enclosure not to exceed 12 square feet;

(Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92, Ord No. ##, 12-11-14)

Sec. 5-2. Fire hazards-Declaration.

Fire Hazards-Declaration, authorizes declaration of a dangerous fire condition or extreme fire hazard emergency by appropriate officials;

(Ord. No. 44-B, § 1, 5-10-85; Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, 12-11-14)

Sec. 5-3. Same-Notice.

Same-Notice, provides a means of providing public notice of a dangerous fire condition or extreme fire hazard;

(Ord. No. 44-B, § 2, 5-10-85; Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, 12-11-14)

Sec. 5-4. Same-Burning restricted.

Same-Burning Restricted, restricts outdoor burning to incinerators;

(Ord. No. 44-B, § 3, 5-10-85; Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, 12-11-14)

Sec. 5-5. General prohibitions.

Prohibits burning in violation of MCL 336.11, et seq., prohibits burning of leaves and grass clippings and permits the burning of trees, logs, brush and stumps in accordance with the ordinance;

(Ord. No. 44-B, § 4, 5-10-85; Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, 12-11-14)

Sec. 5-6. Adoption of fire control measures and regulations governing conditions which could impede or interfere with fire suppression forces.

Adoption of Fire Control Measures, authorizes the adoption of fire control measures and regulations and authorizes fire/police personnel to direct emergency situations, including prohibiting and/or removing persons and vehicles from hazardous areas, and makes it unlawful – for a person to interfere with emergency personnel and/or vehicles, to fail to obey the proper orders of emergency personnel, to drive a vehicle across a fire hose, to fail to defer to emergency vehicles, to follow fire apparatus closer than 500 feet or to unlawfully board or tamper with emergency equipment;

(Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, 12-11-14)

Sec. 5-7. Allowed burning.

Allowed Burning, prohibits starting an open fire when there is danger of such fire spreading, prohibits leaving an open fire unattended and prohibits an open fire before sunrise or more than one half hour following sunset with certain exceptions;

(Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, DATE)

Sec. 5-8. Location requirements.

Location Requirements prohibits an open fire within 50 feet of any structure;

(Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, DATE)

Sec. 5-9. Special exceptions.

Special Exceptions allows exceptions to burning otherwise prohibited, with permission of the supervisor, police chief or fire chief;

Ord No. ##, DATE)

Sec. 5-10. Fires prohibited on street surface.

Fires Prohibited on Street Surface, prohibits fires on street surfaces;

(Ord. No. 44-B, § 6, 5-10-85; Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, DATE)

Sec. 5-11. Penalty.

Penalty, provides that certain violations of the ordinance shall be a misdemeanor with a penalty of 90 days jail and/or a fine of \$500 with other violations being a civil infraction subject to fine not to exceed \$500; and,

(Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92; Ord. No. 61-3-94, § 3, 10-27-94 Ord No. ##, DATE)

Sec. 5-12. Severability.

Severability, provides the invalidity of one section of the ordinance does not affect the validity of the remaining sections.

(Ord. No. 44-92, 4-23-92 Ord No. ##, DATE)

Secs. 7-13 - 7-35. Reserved.