

POLKTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP BURN PERMIT

Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
(No permit may be in effect for more than five days)

Name of applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: () _____ Cell Telephone Number: () _____

Address of burn site: _____

- Type of burning:
- Open burning (brush, trees, logs, stumps)
 - Agricultural burning
 - Structure (Requires Fire Department Approval Letter)
 - Fire suppression training

This permit is issued in accordance with Polkton Charter Township Ordinances and applicant agrees to comply with the provisions of said ordinances. For more information contact Polkton Charter Township at 616-837-6876.

LIABILITY. Grantee hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue Polkton Charter Township, its departments, officers, employees and agents, from any and all liability to Grantee, its family members, guests, invitees, officers, employees, agents, and authorized representatives, for all losses, injury, death or damage, and any claims or demands thereto, on account of injury to person or property, or resulting in death of Grantee, its family members, guests, invitees, officers, employees, agents, or authorized representatives in reference to the activities authorized by this permit.

INDEMNIFICATION. Grantee hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless Polkton Charter Township, its departments, officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims and demands, for all loss, injury, death or damage, that any person or entity may have or make, in any manner, arising out of any occurrence related to (1) issuance of this permit; (2) the activities authorized by this permit; and (3) the use or occupancy of the premises which are the subject of this permit by the Grantee, its family members, guests, invitees, employees, contractors, agents, or authorized representatives.

Applicant signature

Date

By signing this form, I acknowledge that the permitted burn will be supervised at all times.

TOWNSHIP USE ONLY

Issued by

Date

Reported to Dispatch:

Phoned (616) 994-7850

E-mailed/Faxed (616) 994-7870

Updated 4/20/11

REGULATION OF OPEN BURNING

1. No person shall cause or permit any open burning of garbage or other combustible refuse or waste material unless such open burning is otherwise permitted by a provision of this Ordinance.
2. No person shall conduct a salvage operation by open burning. For the purpose of this ordinance, "salvage operation" means any activity engaged in with the intent to recover materials for use or sale as a result of the activity.
3. No person shall cause or permit burning for the clearing of land unless permitted by State law for agricultural purposes on an agriculturally zoned parcel.
4. No person shall cause or permit hazardous or smoke nuisance conditions by open burning.
5. Unless expressly exempted by this ordinance, no open burning may be conducted in the Township without a burning permit having been issued by the Township Supervisor, Clerk or Treasurer. Application for burning permits shall be on forms provided by the Township. The Township may impose reasonable terms and conditions upon any permit, as deemed appropriate, to protect the health, safety and welfare of Township residents and property from fire hazards.
6. All permits allowing open burning must be obtained during normal business hours at the Polkton Charter Township Office.
7. All permits allowing open burning shall be limited to a maximum five (5) consecutive days, unless otherwise limited by this Ordinance.
8. All permits allowing open burning shall limit burning to between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., unless a written time extension is specifically authorized by the Township Supervisor, Clerk or Treasurer.
9. A permit allowing open burning may be cancelled by the Township, in its sole discretion, when it is determined that weather conditions create unsafe conditions for open burning.
10. All open burning permitted pursuant to this Ordinance shall have an adequate fire line and shall be maintained by a sufficient force of personnel to control the fire. No open burning shall be left unattended.
11. A permit issued under this Ordinance does not allow the burning of material that has been collected and transported from one location or lot to another location or lot. The permit is effective only as to the burning of materials generated upon the same property to which the permit applies.
12. All requests for burning a structure must be preapproved by the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief. An approval letter from the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief must be submitted with the burn permit application, in order to obtain a burn permit from the Township for the structure.

NO PERMIT SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. Open fires set for recreational purposes including camp fires, provided that no smoke nuisance is created, and provided that the fire is enclosed within a pit or a fire retaining ring having an internal area measuring not more than nine (9) square feet.
2. Recognized trade devices used for heating by construction workers, provided that no smoke nuisance is created.
3. An open fire used for cooking food, provided that no smoke or other nuisance is created.
4. Burn barrels, provided that no smoke or other nuisance is created.
5. Fires set under the direction and control of the Coopersville/Polkton Fire Department provided that the sole purpose of the fire is for firefighting training.