

Open Burning Permit Application

Bath Charter Township Fire Department

5633 Drumheller Rd. – P.O. Box 247 – Bath, MI 48808

Phone: 517-641-7811 – Fax: 517-641-4170 – **Burn Permit Line: 517-641-6619**

Weekend permits must be called in by 4pm on Friday (or the previous work day if that Friday is a Holiday) to be considered activated.

Permit #: _____

Property Owner Name: _____

(APPLICANT MUST BE THE PROPERTY OWNER.)

Address: _____ City: _____, MI 48_____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Persons authorized to request a burning permit under this application:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

No permit will be issued for the above property unless requested by an authorized person. No fire shall be set when a high wind is blowing. An adequate fire line shall be made around the area to be burned and a force of people, sufficient to control the fire, shall be on hand at the time of burning. The property owner shall be liable for all damage to property or personal injury which may result from burning done under this application and subsequent permit(s).

The following ordinance sections apply when issuing an Open Burning Permit under this application:

307.2.2 Prohibited Open Burning – Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. Open burning of rubbish containing paper products, garbage, solid waste, rubber or other petroleum based products (including tires), building material, roofing material, electrical wiring, human or animal feces, animal carcasses, plastic, lawn clippings and lake vegetation shall be prohibited. Burning on muck is prohibited. The Fire Code Official or Fire Department Official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder of open burning which created or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

307.7.2.3 Inspections – Before a permit may be issued, The Fire Code Official may inspect and approve the receptacle, material, and location to be used. Instances where laws or regulations are enforceable by a department other than the Fire Department, joint approval shall be obtained from all departments concerned. In any event, all burn piles larger than five feet by five feet by three feet (5x5x3 feet) in size or the burning of fields must be inspected by the Fire Code Official before any burning may commence.

307.2.4 Permit Activation – In addition to the requirements of Section 105, "Permits," all persons must contact the Fire Department Burning Permit Line at (517)641-6619 to activate their permit. Please provide your name, permit number, and the date you want to start burning when calling. Permits will be activated for a period of three (3) days at a time.

307.2.5 Location – The location for open burning shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

307.5 Attendance – Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one (1) portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906, with a minimum 4-A rating, or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

Exception:

- 1) The minimum required distance from a structure shall be twenty-five (25) feet where the pile size is three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height.

All other burning must be approved by the Fire Chief or his designated representative.

308.3.1.2 Time, Atmosphere and Location Restrictions –

- a) Open burning shall be permitted in all areas zoned Rural (R) on parcels greater than two (2) acres at any time during the calendar year with a permit.
- b) Open burning of yard waste (except lawn clipping) shall be allowed by permit in Rural (R) zoned parcels of two (2) acres or less and all residential zoned district within the Township from October 1 through April 30. Such Burning shall be prohibited at all other times, except that the Fire Chief, at his/her discretion, may extend each of the designated time periods for open burning of yard waste for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

The following Burning Permit Rules apply when issuing an Open Burning Permit under this application:

- 1) All burning must be done during daylight hours. The fire must be completely out before dark.
- 2) Fires must be in an area away from tall grass, trees, shrubs, etc.
- 3) Fires must be a safe distance from all buildings. A safe distance is determined by the weather conditions and the material to be burned. Example: Cardboard gives off firebrands (sparks) that can carry in the wind for a long distance.
- 4) If, after you have received your permit and before you start burning, there is a significant increase of wind Velocity (10 mph and above) all permits are voided.
- 5) If your fire should get out of control, please call 911 immediately.

THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE ONLY FOR BRUSH AND VEGETATION PRODUCED BY YOUR PROPERTY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Issued by Bath Charter Township Fire Official: _____

Office Use Only: Ownership _____ Zoning _____ Acres _____

A three (3) day permit will be issued under this application by contacting the Township Burning Permit phone list at (517) 641-6619. Please leave your name, phone number and permit number on the answering machine.

I have received, read and understand the Burning Permit Ordinances for Bath Charter Township attached to this application. I agree to abide by all rules as written.

Property Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____