Ohio's Open Burning Regulations

Ohio Administrative Code ❖

(**RAPCA** enforced in Darke, Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery & Preble Cty)
OAC 3745-19 (Open Burning Standards)

GENERAL requirements (pertaining to all areas):

*All permissible waste disposal fires must be **1,000 ft** (~3 football fields) from any neighboring inhabited building (see below [1&2])

***NO** STRUCTURES (or materials from demolished structures) may be burned; this includes WOOD BARNS, HOMES, GARAGES, OUT BUILDINGS, etc.

***NO** tires, garbage/trash, dead animals, animal waste, plastics (items containing rubber, grease, asphalt or liquid petroleum) may be burned at anytime

*Recreational/cooking fires must be no greater than 3ft X 2ft & fueled with clean, seasoned (untreated) firewood & NOT be used for the purpose of waste disposal; Notification to RAPCA is not required

*NO open burning is allowed during air pollution advisories, emergencies, air alerts or burn bans

Restricted Areas[1]

Prior written **notification** to RAPCA is required:

*Agricultural waste - waste must be generated on the premises (waste may not be transported from off-site); 1,000 ft distance; BARNS may NOT be burned

*NOT permissible to burn residential waste in restricted areas

*Bonfires (ceremonial fires) - may **not** exceed 5ft x 5ft or burn for longer than 3 hours;

* Other limited circumstances w/ RAPCA/OEPA approval (i.e. fire training)

Unrestricted Areas[2]

RAPCA notification is not required:

*Agricultural & Residential waste ♦ - waste must be generated on the premises (waste may not be transported from off-site); 1,000 ft distance; BARNS may NOT be burned

♦ Written notification required for agricultural waste piles exceeding 20ft in diameter x 10ft high & residential waste piles exceeding 10ft x10ft x 10ft

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Ohio Revised Code

(**ODNR,** Division of Forestry, enforced)
ORC 1503.18

(For protection against wildfires):

*Prohibits any open burning where a fire is likely to escape unless all surrounding leaves, grass, wood & flammable material near burn site have been removed to a safe distance & all other reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent fire escape; no fire shall be left until extinguished

In Unincorporated Areas:

*With limited exceptions, open burning is prohibited from **6:00 am to 6:00 pm** during **March, April, May, October & November**. (This includes burning yard waste, wood, brush, weeds, grass & other residential/agricultural debris)

*This ban applies statewide to private and public lands in unincorporated areas

**** For more info. on ODNR regs. contact Division of Forestry at: 1-877-247-8733 or forestry@dnr.state.oh.us***

Ohio Fire Code

(**Fire Department** enforced)
OAC 1301:7-7-03, (G) Section 307

*Fire Dept. may extinguish or require cessation of any fire which is deemed hazardous or objectionable due to smoke, odor or other hazardous conditions

*All open burning shall be constantly attended until fire is extinguished

Open burning & Recreational Fires:

*Fires in approved containers must be at least 15 ft from a structure

*Recreational fires must be > 25 ft from a structure or combustible material

*Burn piles ≤ 3ft x 2ft in size must be at least 25 ft from a structure

*Bonfires shall be > 50 ft from a structure or combustible material unless contained in a barbecue pit

*For all fires other than those listed above, the burn site must be at least 50 ft from any structure

**** For more info. on the Ohio Fire Code, contact your local Fire Department***

1-Restricted Area: Any municipal corporation (with a population of ten thousand persons or more) plus a zone extending one mile beyond any such municipality; Any municipal corporation (with a population of one thousand to ten thousand persons) plus a zone extending 1,000 ft beyond the boundaries of any such municipality.

2-Unrestricted Area: All areas outside the boundaries of a restricted area.

❖ **For questions regarding acceptable procedures & compliance with the OAC 3745-19 Open Burning Standards, please contact the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) AT: 937-225-4435 OR 1-800-458-2115.** ***[Notification of 'controlled burns' to Dispatch does NOT exempt any person from compliance with the above regulations or any other state or local rules. Violations of the regulations may result in criminal or civil penalties.]***

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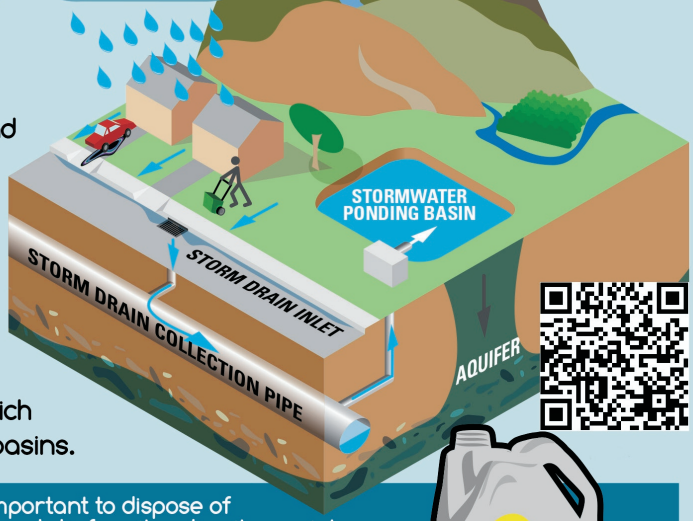
KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN!

Water is a precious resource, limited by how much it rains and snows each year. As rains washes our neighborhoods clean, it also rinses street pollutants like motor oil and lawn chemicals down into the storm drains, which empty into ponding basins.



MOTOR OIL IS TOXIC, so it's very important to dispose of motor oil properly before it makes its way into our water supply. It can harm humans, and the animals who live in our stormwater basins!

DID YOU KNOW THAT JUST **1 GALLON** OF USED MOTOR OIL CAN CONTAMINATE **ONE MILLION GALLONS** OF WATER?

That's enough water for **50 PEOPLE** to use over **A WHOLE YEAR!**

IT'S ILLEGAL TO DISPOSE OF OIL BY POURING IT DOWN THE GUTTER OR INTO A STORM DRAIN.

How to dispose of used oil

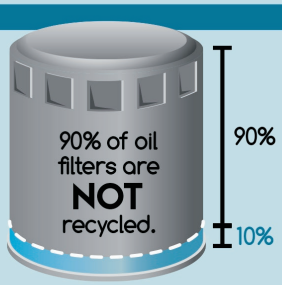
There are many used oil and filter Certified Collection Centers available locally for the proper disposal of used motor oil and filters – for FREE! Look for this sign for a used oil and filter collection center near you.

To see a list of approved collection sites in the are visit www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/32/pdf/used%20oil%20collection%20centers%20list.pdf

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CLEAN UP OIL SPILLS, TOO!

Cover the area with absorbant like sawdust or cat liter.

For disposal instructions see www.miamicountyrecycles.org



LET'S DO A BETTER JOB OF RECYCLING so we can all have a cleaner, safer community!