



Ottawa County Open Burning Regulations

On Monday, October 24, 2016 Ottawa County Commissioners signed a **resolution** controlling burning within the boundaries of Ottawa County.

- This resolution has a two-step approach to burn control by requiring that prior to any act of open burning, a person seeking to perform an act of open burning must: (1) pre-register with the Ottawa County Emergency Management and obtain a registration number identifying that individual; (2) on the day they wish to burn, call Ottawa County Dispatch at 785-392-2157 with their registration number and obtain a Burn Notice Number (“BNN”).
- Any individual requesting a BNN must contact Ottawa County Dispatch at (785) 392 2157 prior to the start of any burning activity and must provide the following information:
 - ⇒ Registration Number of person responsible for burn;
 - ⇒ Contact information for the person supervising the burn (if different or updated from the information on the registration);
 - ⇒ Exact location of intended open burning operation
 - ⇒ Type of material being burned;
 - ⇒ Time of burning operation including beginning time and estimated time burn will be completed;
 - ⇒ Any other information requested by Dispatch.
- Absolutely **NO** burning shall take place when wind speeds are **15 mph or greater**.
- Absolutely **NO** burning shall be initiated **after sunset or before sunrise** unless conducted for agricultural or crop rotation purposes.
- The Fire Chief of the jurisdiction for where the fire will be located shall have and retain the authority to instruct Ottawa County Dispatch not to issue any BNN’s or place his jurisdiction under a burn ban.
- Absolutely **NO** burning shall take place within 150 feet of any structure, oil tank or vehicle(s) not owned or operated by the Registrant.
- Household trash burning in Ottawa County does not require a burn permit as long as the trash is burned in a metal can or barrel with a screen covering it, all local city ordinances pertaining to burning are followed, no burn ban is issued for your area and wind speeds are **under** 15 mph.
- To request pre-registration and obtain a registration number you may do so one of the following ways:
 - ⇒ Come into the Emergency Management Office at the Ottawa County Courthouse and pre-register
 - ⇒ Email Marie Ballou at ocemballou@ymail.com and request pre-registration
 - ⇒ Call Marie Ballou at 785-392-3600 and request pre-registration.
- If you have any questions you can contact Marie Ballou at 785-392-3600 or check the Website at ottawacounty.org -> emergency management -> burn regulations