



# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP BURN PERMIT FOR WHITE LAKE PROPERTY OWNER

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- DIRECTIONS:**
1. Print Permit.
  2. Fill in all blanks (printing clearly).
  3. Property owner signs and dates permit.
  5. Read and understand the permit before you and/or your designated responsible adult (18 years or older) engage in open burning.
  6. **IMPORTANT:** Keep a current, valid, signed and dated burn permit available on-site while engaged in open burning.

**NOTE:** It is not necessary to call the Township or Fire Department to say you have a burn permit or will be burning. If you and/or your designated adult follow all burn permit terms and avoid burning on windy days, you should have no problems. However, if a complaint is received regarding your fire, the Fire Department may inspect the fire and ask you to present your permit. If the burning is determined to be noncompliant and/or if wind conditions cause your fire to be harmful to your neighbors, the fire may be extinguished and/or the burn permit may be revoked. Noncompliance runs the risk of misdemeanor conviction and/or a fine.

**Property Owner/Permit Holder's Name:**

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 First Middle Initial Last

**Property Owner/Permit Holder's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip Code

**Bonfire Location:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip Code

**Under the provisions of White Lake Ordinance No. 122, Section 307, Fire Prevention Code, permission is hereby granted to:**

307.2.2 PERMITTED CONTENTS. Materials permitted to be burned under this code shall be limited to natural materials including, sawn trees, branches, limbs, sawn lumber, paper, and cardboard.

Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572mm) from a structure. (See bonfire requirements.)

## Abridged Ordinance Section 307

307.1 GENERAL. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted with this section.

307.1.1 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. The code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

307.2 PERMIT REQUIRED. A permit shall be obtained from the code official in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented, by and permits issued to, the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

307.2.1 AUTHORIZATION. Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

307.2.3 PROHIBITED CONTENTS. The burning of treated or manufactured wood products, waste material from construction, waste from land clearing processes, painted or finished wood products, any other material which causes offensive odors or smoke production, or materials which are by products of a business operation, leaves and ground covering shall be prohibited.

307.2.5 FIRE SIZE. The amount of material permitted to be kindled shall be limited to a volume of material that does not extend beyond a 5-foot diameter circle and does not exceed 5 feet in height.

307.3 EXTINGUISHMENT AUTHORITY. The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible or the fire department of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

307.4 LOCATION. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of any structure.

1. Exception

307.4.1 BONFIRES. Bonfires shall not be conducted within 50' of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained within an approved container (noncombustible barrel with a lid or cover to suppress embers/sparks, or an outdoor fireplace, or an approved below grade enclosure). Bonfires in approved container shall not be located less than 15 feet from a structure or combustible material. The burning material shall not exceed 2 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.

A below grade enclosure shall not be less than 12 inches deep and not exceed 5 feet in diameter

307.5 ATTENDANCE. Open burning shall be constantly attended by a competent adult until the fire is extinguished. Unless the ground is snow covered, a minimum of one 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.

**I own the land where the bonfire will be kindled. I read, understand, and agree to all burn permit terms. I will sign and date the permit before burning. If/and when police, ordinance and/or fire personnel ask me to present a valid burn permit, I will present this signed and dated burn permit. I will not engage in open burning unless I have a current, valid, signed and dated burn permit.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Permit-Holder/Property Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

This becomes a valid permit when the property owner signs and dates this document.

**THIS PERMIT EXPIRES TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE SIGNATURE DATE AND IS SUBJECT TO BEING REVOKED.**