

DELTA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BURNING REGULATIONS: AREAS ZONED AGRICULTURAL  
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DOMESTIC FIRES (Burning of Yard Waste)

1. Domestic fires may be permitted in all areas of the township zoned A-1 or A-2 any time during the calendar year between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Domestic fires are defined as the burning of yard waste only.
2. Open burning is allowed in areas zoned A-1 and A-2 only. A burning permit is required for all open burning.
3. The burning permit applicant must come to the fire department to properly complete an application.
4. Permits are issued annually and expire on December 31st of the calendar year for which it is obtained.
5. The homeowner and/or resident is responsible to provide the burning permit for inspection and/or surrender upon request.
6. You must be physically in attendance at the fire at all times. The permit is valid from sunrise to sunset.
7. You must burn in your own yard, at least five feet from the property line and a minimum of 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
8. You shall not use any petroleum products to start the fire or to keep it going.
9. You shall burn only what grows in your own yard (yard waste).
10. A source of water must be near the fire.
11. The brush shall be smaller than (3) three inches in diameter. **NO STUMPS, LOGS OR BUILDING MATERIALS SHALL BE BURNED.**
12. The brush pile cannot be any larger than 4' x 4' x 4'.
13. Smoke must not be offensive to your neighbors.

BURNING BARRELS

1. Burning barrels are allowed only in agriculturally zoned areas (A-1 or A-2).
2. The container must be fire proof, constructed of metal or masonry, with an approved spark arrester or screen with openings not more than 3/4" in diameter.
3. The container must be at least five feet from the property line and fifteen feet from any combustible object.
5. You must burn on your own property only. Renters must receive permission to burn from the property owner.
6. You may burn only Class A (paper, cardboard and yard waste) products. No food, plastics, diapers, cans or garbage can be burned at any time.
7. You may burn only yard waste that is grown or has originated on your own property. No material may be brought in from another residence or location to be burned in Delta Township.
8. You may burn only between the hours of sunrise and sunset. The fire must be completely out by dark.
9. The smoke must not be offensive to your neighbors.
10. You shall not use any petroleum products to start the fire or keep it going.

Persons found to be in violation of the Burning Rules & Regulations shall be subject to a citation. No warning shall be issued. Fines for violating the Delta Township Burning Ordinance are as follows:

First offense:	\$ 50.00
Second offense:	\$125.00
Third offense:	\$250.00
Fourth offense:	\$400.00