

## “BURNING REGULATIONS”

Bedford Township  
Temperance, MI 48182



1. All fires must be properly and safely attended at all times.
2. The burning of leaves and brush is only permitted on Fridays between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., during the months of April, May, September, October, and November. **Burning shall not be less than 25 feet from any structure, whereby the pile size cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. No Bedford Township “burning permit” is required, however, all burning will be monitored.**
3. The burning of yard waste (grass, brush, leaves, plant materials, etc.) in open fires are permitted/allowed in the months of June, July, August, December, January, February, and March by permit only for special circumstances.
4. Campfires shall be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and not exceed 3 feet in height. Campfires must be placed/positioned in a pit, grill, be trenched, enclosed or contained, and shall be attended at all times. **Campfires shall not be less than 25 feet from any structure.** Campfires are permitted from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight without a Bedford Township permit. Campfire burnings **require clean materials/fuel only**, whereby grass clippings or leaves cannot be burned. **Campfires shall be for RECREATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**
5. Bonfires shall be no larger than 8 feet in diameter and not exceed 8 feet in height. Bonfires can burn from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight and shall be attended at all times, but are prohibited in Bedford Township platted subdivisions unless approved by the Fire Chief. A **BONFIRE PERMIT** must be obtained from the Fire Chief or Township Clerk's Department. Bonfires must be trenched or contained in some safe fashion. **Bonfires shall be in open areas where sparks and embers would be unlikely to endanger structures.** Bonfire burnings **require clean materials/fuel only, whereby grass clippings or leaves cannot be burned.** Bonfires shall be for **RECREATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**. Bonfire permits will be issued to the property owner or a representative (over the age of 18) with written permission from the property owner(s). **Bonfires shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure.**
6. Burning in an approved burning barrel with a mesh cover/screen can take place without a permit for domestic purposes (newspaper, papers, cardboard, limbs, leaves, grass clippings, and brush, but no garbage or other solid waste) on Wednesday through Saturday during any month of the year between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. **Burning barrels shall not be located less than 25 feet from any structure.**
7. The Township will enforce any total burning ban instituted by the Governor or Fire Chief for hazardous environmental conditions during dry weather. It shall be the owner's responsibility to be aware of any changes in the burning regulations and/or any bans on burning imposed by the Bedford Fire Department.
8. The burning of garbage, wet leaves, hazardous material, or material causing toxic fumes are strictly prohibited at all times within Bedford Township.

NOTE: The burning of any fire shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Persons that allow any fire to get out of control, or burn past the permitted burning hours, will be fined/charged as permitted in Ordinance 68A-1. In addition, the property owner/approved designee is subject to charges/fees for “any use” of all Fire Department equipment needed to contain or respond to the fire. Equipment will be charged at an established rate as specified in the Bedford Township General Code and Zoning Ordinances. Burning permit(s) may be revoked or denied for any previous violation(s) of the above-stated “Burning Regulations”.