

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGULATION
OF OPEN BURNING DURING PERIODS OF
EXTRAORDINARY FOREST FIRE HAZARD OR OCCURRENCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY,
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1:

Whenever the Division of Forestry of the Commonwealth of Kentucky notifies the County Judge/Executive of Hardin County that an extraordinary fire hazard exists in Hardin County, as determined by the National Fire Danger Rating System and Fire Occurrence, the County Judge/Executive may proclaim such condition to exist in Hardin County.

SECTION 2:

No person shall, when a proclamation as provided for in Section 1 has been issued, light or maintain an open fire at any location in Hardin County while such proclamation is in effect. Any person violating this section shall be subject to the fines and penalties hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3:

Notice of the proclamation provided for in Section 1 shall be published in the newspaper of largest bona fide circulation in Hardin County, and notice given using other available news media.

SECTION 4:

A person who violates this ordinance may be fined a sum of not less than Fifty (\$50) Dollars, nor more than Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Adopted in open court, this the 29 day of December,
1986.



COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ILLEGAL OPEN BURNING

Agriculture

Animal Bedding
Hay
Muck Piles (horse manure/hay)

Construction

Asbestos Materials
Buildings (houses, barns and garages)
Construction Debris
Demolition Debris
Renovation Debris
Drywall
Shingles

Household Garbage

Animal or Vegetable
Plastic
Cans
Glass

Wood Materials

Fence Posts
Pallets
Sawdust
Wood Chips and Shavings
Wood Mulch
Painted, Stained, or Pressure-Treated Wood

Miscellaneous

Chemical Containers
Coated Wire
Insulated Wire
Rubber
Tires
Used Oil
Motor Oil
Industrial, Business, School, Church,
and Farm Waste

Open burning is any open flame in the environment.

LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN

Some open burning is legal, with restrictions. But many materials are illegal to burn. The Division for Air Quality can impose fines of up to \$25,000 per day per violation of the law. It pays to learn before you burn!

OPEN BURNING FACTS

Air pollution from open burning can cause •asthma •emphysema •heart attacks •birth defects •nervous system damage •other health problems. Children and the elderly are especially sensitive to the air pollution from open burning.

WHY IS IT BETTER TO SEND YOUR TRASH TO A LANDFILL?

Backyard burn barrels and woodstoves produce low temperature fires. Burning trash at low temperatures produces a lot of smoke and releases many toxic pollutants like dioxin/furans.

EPA has shown that open burning of garbage is the largest source of dioxins in the nation. Dioxin/furans have been linked to cancer in humans. Dioxin/furans from open burning end up in our water and soil. They enter our food supply and accumulate in animal tissue.

LEGAL OPEN BURNING

Agriculture

Plant Beds
Tobacco Curing
Animal Carcasses (disease control)

Land Management

Leaves (check local laws)
Natural Growth from Land Clearing
Tree Limbs Felled by Storms
Weeds
Natural Land Management

Construction Sites

Warming Fires (clean lumber only)

Miscellaneous

Camp Fires
Ceremonial Bonfires
Cooking
Fire Training
Household Paper Products

RESTRICTIONS

- When a fire emergency is declared, ALL open burning is prohibited.
- During fire hazard season, burning within 150 feet of any woodland area is allowed only between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- From May-September, open burning is restricted in counties that have been designated nonattainment for ozone and particulate matter.
- **Do not** burn within 50 feet of any structure.
- **Do not** burn near landfills.
- **Do not** burn near streams or sinkholes.
- **Do not** burn near utility lines.

Be kind to your children. Be courteous to your neighbors. Follow the law. Do not burn illegally!

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION: ALTERNATIVES TO OPEN BURNING

Reduce

- Look for items with less packaging.
- Buy items in packaging that can be reused or recycled.

Reuse

- Donate old clothes, shoes, books, appliances, electronics, furniture and toys to charity.
- Carry a coffee mug with you instead of disposable cups.
- Bring your own cloth bag to the store or reuse plastic bags.

Recycle

- Many counties in Kentucky have a community recycling center. You can bring one or more of the following:
 - Newspaper
 - Plastics #1 and #2
 - Cardboard
 - Aluminum
 - Steel
 - Glass

Compost

- Leaves and grass clippings can be turned into food for your garden or houseplants.
- Instead of burning old pallets, tie four pallets together to make a simple compost bin.

Landfill

- Items that cannot be reused or recycled should be taken to the landfill.

Contact the Division for Air Quality, Division of Waste Management or your local solid waste coordinator for more information.

Division for Air Quality 1-888-BURN-LAW

Air Quality REGIONAL OFFICES

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Ashland | (606) 929-5285 |
| Bowling Green | (270) 746-7475 |
| Florence | (859) 525-4923 |
| Frankfort | (502) 564-3358 |
| Hazard | (606) 435-6022 |
| London | (606) 878-0157 |
| Owensboro | (270) 687-7304 |
| Paducah | (270) 898-8468 |

OTHER CONTACTS

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| Louisville Metro APCD | (502) 574-6000 |
| Division of Forestry | (800) 866-0555 |
| Fire Marshal's Office | (502) 564-3626 |
| Kentucky Fire Commission | (800) 782-6823 |
| Department of Agriculture | (502) 564-4696 |
| Division of Waste Management | (502) 564-6716 |
| Illegal Dumping (DWM) | (888) 663-8677 |
| Dept. of Fish & Wildlife | (502) 564-3400 |



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