

**TITLE 3 – PUBLIC HEALTH
CHAPTER 31 – OPEN BURNING**

Sec. 331.01 Open Burning Prohibited.

(A) That no person shall dispose of garbage, trash, construction materials, plastics, solid wastes or treated or untreated infectious wastes by open burning or open dumping, except as authorized by this Ordinance and the Laws of the State of Ohio.

Sec. 331.02 Exceptions.

(A) The burning of dry brush, dry leaves, dry limbs, dry plant clippings, dry branches, dry logs, dry pine needs, dry grass, cardboard and paper is allowed subject to the following regulations:

- 1) All outdoor burning shall be contained within a metal barrel or a “fire pit.” A “fire pit” shall be defined as a pit dug into the ground or made from stones, masonry, metal or other suitable material for containing a fire and keeping it from spreading.
- 2) All outdoor burning must be attended at all times by an adult with sufficient fire fighting equipment such as hoses connect to a water supply, fire extinguisher or similar materials to allow the resident to control the fire until such a time as the fire is extinguished. A smoldering fire shall not be considered extinguished.
- 3) If the smoke created by such burning affects visibility on highways or streets, the Hardin County Sheriff’s Department or other law enforcement agency, may order the fire extinguished immediately.
- 4) The seasonal burning of leaves shall not be subject to the requirement that the fire be contained in a metal barrel or “fire pit.”
- 5) All suspected violations of this ordinance should be reported to the Hardin County Sheriff’s Department on their regular business telephone line. Residents should refrain from using 911 or from calling the Northern Hardin Fire Department unless there is an emergency. Law enforcement may order the offending fire extinguished immediately.