LaSalle Township Fire Department Open Burning Guidelines

Our policy on open burning is described by the guidelines established by the Department Of Natural Resources.

Open burning in LaSalle Township is permitted by permit only (Excluding Recreational Campfires). A permit may be acquired either through a Fire Department Officer or from the Township Office during business hours as posted on the door of the Township Offices.

Only Wood, Paper, **Dry** leaves, Brush, products may be burned.

There will be no burning of any **wet** vegetation, petroleum products, plastics, or other, materials that may create environmentally hazardous gases or smokes. These items include Roofing Materials, Furniture, and Mattresses.

Burning of small quantities of **household refuse (Paper, and Cardboard)** may be burned in a covered container such as a burn barrel without the need of acquiring a burn permit.

There shall be no burning of materials brought into the Township for the purpose of disposal. For example building materials, lawn clippings, or any other materials not generated by the property owner on that property. Any such materials must be disposed of in some other environmentally safe manner.

There should be no open burning of any kind after sunset as set forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. (Excluding Recreational Campfires).

Camp fires shall not exceed 3' to 3 1/2' in diameter and will be attended at all times.

Consideration should be practiced in respect to having open burns where the smoke may infiltrate a neighbor's home as this could contribute to the discomfort of your neighbor.

All open burns must be attended by the property owner at all times with a sufficient extinguishing method reasonably available. Until such point in time as the fire will not have the capacity to spread, smolder, or cause possible damage to any exposures.

Upon response to any open burn, the Fire Officer in charge of the Incident shall have the authority to extinguish a fire, depending on the presenting circumstances.