

ACHD Open Burning Regulation

FACT SHEET

- No material other than clean wood, propane, or natural gas may be open burned EXCEPT for:
 - Commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs, or wood pellets;
 - Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters in order to start a fire;
 - Charcoal for the preparation of food only.

- Fires may be no larger than 3' wide by 3' long by 2' high.

- Fires must be at least 15 feet from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area, including:
 - Property line
 - Roadway
 - Sidewalk
 - Public access area

- Wood burning activities are prohibited on Air Quality Action days, with the exception of burning for the commercial preparation of food
 - Subscribe to receive email, text, or smart phone app notifications of burn ban days at www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts

- Burning may be prohibited or reduced if it is considered a nuisance, based on the following criteria:
 - The severity of the amount of air pollutants;
 - The duration or frequency of open burning;
 - The topography of the surroundings;
 - The meteorological conditions.

- Open burning permits are available for ceremonies fostering of agriculture, abatement of a public health hazard, and firefighting instruction; however, all permitted open burning is prohibited on Air Quality Action Days.
 - Contact ACHD at (412) 578-7963 for more information