



NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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What you need to know about cookouts and open burning

Do not call the fire department or the 911 office unless you need our assistance. The Licking County 911 Office handled over 58,000 emergency calls last year. If you have questions about cookouts or open burning you can contact the fire prevention bureau during normal business hours at 349-6753.

Cookouts for food consumption and recreational fires should be no larger than 3-ft. wide by 2-ft. high. Larger fires such as bonfires are allowed with special permission. Contact the fire prevention bureau for additional information.

Seasoned firewood should be burned to minimize smoke emissions. Avoid burning leaves, grass clippings or newly cut (live) twigs or wood. These items produce higher volumes of smoke. Any burning that produces objectionable or offensive smoke is prohibited.

Your fire should not be closer than 25 ft. to any buildings. If you are burning in an approved container your fire should be no closer than 15 ft. to any structure.

The fire must be attended at all times. You should have some type of extinguishing equipment available such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose. Make sure your fire is completely extinguished at the conclusion of your cookout.

Additional information about opening burning

Burning for waste disposal purposes is prohibited. Trash, tires, construction material, etc. cannot be burned and does produce harmful emissions.

Do not burn during unusually dry or windy days.

If we receive a complaint we must come out and check on your fire. Don't panic. If you are doing everything right, we will be gone in less than 5 minutes.

Fires or smoke from fires cannot obscure visibility of roadways, railroad tracks or airfields. Also if a neighbor complains about the smoke we will order that the fire be extinguished.

For more information go to EPA website here

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/facts/openburn.pdf>