

# ACHD Open Burning Regulation FACT SHEET

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- 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](http://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) 578-8103 for more information