

Recreational Fires



The Springfield Fire Rescue Division understands that citizens wish to enjoy a safe recreational fire for themselves and their neighbors.

Recreational fires in the City of Springfield and an area within ½ mile of the its perimeter are under the jurisdiction of the Ohio EPA, the Ohio Fire Code, the Springfield Fire Code and ordinances of the City of Springfield. In that area, recreational fires may be kindled under the following conditions:

- Permit required – a permit shall be obtained from the fire code official
- Cost of permit is \$25 annually
- Fire Marshal approved container no less than 15 feet from any structure; the container fire area and the fire size shall be no greater than 36 inches in any dimension.
- Fuel shall be seasoned dry firewood only
- Competent persons shall constantly attend fires
- A garden hose or suitable fire extinguisher shall be present at all times
- Fires may be prohibited at any time when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous or create conditions, which are offensive or objectionable to adjacent property owners or residents. Open burning on Ozone Action Days is prohibited. To find out which days are designated Ozone Action Days, call the Air Line at 937-223-3222 during the ozone season (April-October)
- Such permits shall have an expiration date indicated and under no conditions shall any permit be issued for more than 12 consecutive months
- Approved Container Burn Permits may be renewed upon expiration by Fire Marshal review and approval of the container and location
- Persons requesting an Approved Container Burn Permit who are not the property owner must provide a signed letter from the landlord/property owner, which includes the owner's name, address and telephone number, and states that he/she gives the tenant consent to obtain such a permit

Please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 937-324-7610 to request a permit.

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Tent Permits



The City of Springfield requires a Tent Permit to be obtained in order to erect tents on a property for temporary purposes. Permit requirements include:

- The tent is over 400 square feet and has side walls OR the tent is over 700 square feet with no side walls
- The tent is erected for less than 180 days
- If fifty (50) or more people will occupy the tent, a detailed floorplan, including the means of egress, is required
- The separation distances must meet the limitations set forth in Ohio Fire Code Section 2403.8.2
- The tent must be adequately anchored to withstand the weather and prevent collapse
- Applicant must provide a flame propagation certificate for the tent or awning from the tent owner
- The permit holder must understand that there shall be NO SMOKING in the tent
- A \$75.00 tent permit fee must be submitted to the City of Springfield Fire Rescue Division, 350 N. Fountain Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45505 and a permit obtained prior to erecting the tent

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Tire Storage



The Springfield Fire *Rescue* Division urges proper and safe storage of tires at indoor and outdoor facilities.

Outdoor Storage

Section 3405 of the Ohio Fire Code, limitations on pile size and distance to lot lines and buildings:

- Max dimensions of pile – 2500 sq. feet or 50' x 50'
- Max height is 8' high
- Separation between piles is 56' (if pile is less than 500 tires, separation reduced to 25')
- Separation of piles from lot lines and buildings is 56' (if pile is less than 500 tires, separation reduced to 25')
- No combustible ground vegetation within 56' of piles (if pile is less than 500 tires, clear space reduced to 25')
- Fire Department Access (Section 3406): Access roadways shall be within 150' of any point in the storage yard where storage piles are located, at least 20' from any storage pile
- Fencing (Section 3407): If the yard has more than 20,000 cubic feet of tires, a fence (or other approved method of security) that controls unauthorized access to the yard is required

Indoor Storage with Sprinklers (Section 3409)

- Tire storage in buildings shall also comply with OFC Chapter 32 (Section 3401.1)

- Indoor storage is limited to maximum pile size of 2500 sq. feet (50' x 50') (Section 3409)
- Pile size is reduced to 25' x 50' if pile is adjacent to a wall (the 25' is measured out from the wall and 50' along the wall)

High Hazard Commodities (Section 3203.6)

Tires are classified as a high hazard commodity (for use in Table 3206.2)

Indoor storage without sprinklers

- The size of a pile storage area for high hazard commodities to 500 square feet (Table 3206.2)
- Aggregate Area (3206.3.2.1): The 500 square feet of storage (listed in table 3206.2) is all that's allowed in the entire building unless each 500 square feet is separated by a one-hour fire barrier
- If a tire storage facility wishes to have more than 500 square feet of tires that exceeds six feet in height, refer them to FMB
- Standard 36" aisle width applies between piles and extends to exits(s)
- Administrative, operational and maintenance provisions (102.2): The administrative, operational and maintenance provisions of this code shall apply to: (a) Conditions and operations arising after the adoption of this code, and (b) Existing conditions and operations