

Fire Department Information For Aurelius Township Residents

Fire Department and Burning Permit

Mason Fire (non-emergency)244-9025
Burning Permits.....676-9155

City of Mason Fire Department provides services to all of Aurelius Township.

BURNING PERMIT REGULATIONS

• YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE IF YOUR FIRE GETS OUT OF CONTROL.

- Hours of burning will be from sunrise to sunset.
- There will be absolutely **NO BURNING ALLOWED AFTER DARK.**
- All fires must be supervised by an adult, 18 years or older at all times.
- **The burning of building or construction materials,** petroleum products, plastics, rubber product, chemicals, asphalt, treated or painted wood products or any other hazardous or noxious material **shall not be permitted.**
- Burning is not allowed in extremely dry conditions or if winds are **greater than 10 mph.** You should not burn when the wind is in such a direction that smoke will be an annoyance to your neighbors.
- Your permit may be revoked at any time if environmental conditions for burning are not favorable.
- Unsupervised and unauthorized fires will be extinguished, and you will be billed for the fire run.
- You do not need a permit for burning in trash barrels. However, law requires that you have a 1/2 inch mesh cover on your barrel at the time of burning.
- You do not need a permit to burn brush if there is snow on the ground. If you intend to burn a large amount of brush however, then you should report your burning to Mason City Hall (676-9155) so that they may contact the 911 Center. This could save an unnecessary response by the Fire Department to a report of fire at your property.
- Burn Permit renewals will be accepted by telephone on **regular working days, from 9am to 4:30pm only.**

- Burning permits are free to township residents. You must renew your permit each year.
- To renew a burn permit, you must speak with someone. Leaving a message at the City of Mason or the Fire Department does not renew your permit. If you leave a message and the Fire Department arrives at your home, you may be billed for the call.
- The renewal will be valid four days per renewal during the calendar year.

RECREATIONAL FIRES/CAMPFIRES

There is no permit required for a recreational fire. Recreational fires are allowed under the following conditions:

- “**Recreational Fires**” are defined as the burning of charcoal, seasoned firewood or other fuel approved by the fire chief, where the fuel being burned is contained within a device or pit.
- Recreational fires cannot be located within 15 feet of a structure, nor within 15 feet of an existing property line.
- Recreational fires shall not exceed 36 inches in diameter and the flame height shall not exceed 24 inches from the ground surrounding the device or pit.
- Recreational fires are permitted only on property used and occupied as a single-family dwelling.
- Recreational fire burning shall not take place between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m.
- Fires must be attended at all times and extinguishing equipment must be nearby. All burning is prohibited if the wind velocity is 10 mph or greater.

Columbia Lakes residents need to contact their association for fire ring approval at 517-545-3900.

If you have any questions, please contact the Township Offices at 628-2093.