

## City of Madison Heights

### Major Provisions of New Outdoor Burning Ordinance

August 23, 2016

- All outdoor burning shall occur in a permanent outdoor fireplace, a portable outdoor fireplace or in a fire pit with a diameter of less than four feet enclosed by non-combustible materials, such as a fire ring, fire brick or fire block and covered by a spark arrestor which prevents the emission of flammable debris from the fire.
- All outdoor burning shall be done with only clean, seasoned and dry hardwood.
- All outdoor burning shall be located at least 20 feet from the nearest structure which is not on the same property as the outdoor burning and at least 15 feet from the nearest structure on the same property as the outdoor burning.
- All outdoor burning shall be attended at all times by at least one person who is 18 years of age or older.
- There shall be at a minimum a garden hose connected to a reliable water supply, one-gallon bucket of water, or a 2a10BC rated fire extinguisher within 20 feet of any outdoor burning.
- Except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, no outdoor burning shall be undertaken during periods when the Governor of Michigan has issued a burning ban applicable to the area.
- No outdoor burning may be conducted on days when there has been declared an “air quality or ozone action day” applicable to the City of Madison Heights.
- All burning shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance-free manner, when wind and weather conditions minimize adverse effects and do not create a fire hazard, health hazard or a nuisance.
- The outdoor burning of refuse and construction or demolition waste is prohibited including the burning of brush, leaves, grass clippings and yard waste.
- The complete ordinance is available online at [www.madison-heights.org](http://www.madison-heights.org) or at the City Clerk’s Office, 300 West Thirteen Mile Road.