



# Xenia Township Fire Department

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**Date:** March 31, 2014  
**To:** All Public News Resources  
**From:** Chief Dean Fox  
**RE:** Open Burning in Xenia Township

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The Xenia Township Fire Department would like to bring attention to the current regulations that are in place within the State of Ohio regarding open burning.

Open Burning is defined as the setting of a fire with the intention of disposing of waste materials or clearing of unwanted grass and brush. The State of Ohio has several areas of statutes that regulate when and where this act may occur.

Xenia Township, which is comprised of unincorporated areas of Greene County, is regulated by the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Division of Forestry regulation 1503.18, which states that Open Burning is prohibited from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm during March, April, May, October, & November. (This included burning yard waste, food, brush, weeds, grass, and other residential/agricultural debris).

So far through March 30, 2014, Xenia Township has responded to 5 brush fire type calls. These fires have advanced beyond the control of the persons attending to them. These situations, with dry grass and high winds as contributing factors, can spread quickly to standing structures and machinery that may have been thought safely out of harm's way.

In the event that Xenia Township is called for help to assist in extinguishing an out of control fire, we will fully extinguish that fire. The person who ignited the fire may be held responsible for the act and consequences the fire may have caused. It is in the interest of public safety that we stress the importance of following these Ohio Open Burning Regulations.

Please contact your local fire department with any questions regarding these regulations.