

TOWN OF HOWARD CHAPTER 18 FIRES AND BURNING

(1) Open burning. This section shall apply to all persons kindling maintaining any open burning or authorizing the kindling, or maintaining of open burning within the town limits of the Town of Howard. Any person kindling or maintaining any open burning shall take precautions to have the fire under control at any and all times. No fire shall be left unattended. **(2) Authorized hours of burning;** Burning shall be permitted between the hours of 4:00 P.M. to 11:59 P.M. Monday through Friday; and from 7:00 A.M. to 11:59 P.M. on Saturday. There shall be no burning allowed on Sundays and Holidays. **(3) Prohibitions on burning;** Outdoor burning shall be prohibited when local circumstances make the fires potentially hazardous. Local circumstances include, but are not limited to thermal inversions, wind, ozone alerts, very dry conditions, and the issuance by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of a "RED FLAG" Day or burning prohibition. Local circumstances shall be determined by the Chief of the Chippewa Fire Protection District or a designee. It is the responsibility of all persons burning to check for a prohibition. **(4) Prohibited material for burning;** Prohibited material for burning shall include rubbish, garbage, trash, any material coated with rubber, plastic, leather or petroleum based materials. Nor such materials that contain flammable or combustible liquids. **(5) Prohibited locations for burning;** No person shall burn any material on the asphalt portion of any Town or County roadway. **(6) Permits shall be required;** for any burning conducted outside the hours outlined in subsection (2). Such open burning shall require the authorization of the Chief of the Chippewa Fire Protection District or a designee. No permits shall be required for outdoor cooking, campfires or burning related to training for the Fire Department. **(7) Penalty; (a)** Any person, firm or corporation in violation of this section shall be subject to the forfeiture of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. **(b)** In addition to the forfeiture, the cost of the suppression of wildland and other fires shall be billed to the responsible party. Such rates shall be established by the Chippewa Fire Protection District Board of Directors. **(8) Citation authority;** is hereby vested in the Chief of the Fire District or designee, a Town or County peace officer. **(9) Other Regulations.** Open burning shall also be the subject to the administrative rules of the department of natural resources, department of commerce (and successor agencies) and relevant state statutes. **(10) All fires must be supervised by a competent person no younger than 16 years of age.**