

Fire Department Written Approval Form for Open Burning Waiver Request on Private Property

Ohio Revised Code 1503.18C prohibits most outdoor burning in unincorporated areas between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm in March, April, May, October, and November.

Commensurate with Ohio Administrative Code 1501:3-13-01, private landowners may receive a waiver of Ohio Revised Code 1503.18C from the Ohio Division of Forestry to allow them to conduct burns only on property under their personal ownership during otherwise prohibited hours.

To receive a waiver of ORC 1503.18C from the Ohio Division of Forestry, the private landowner must submit the Request for Waiver of ORC 1503.18 Regarding Kindled Fires along with this Fire Department Written Approval for Open Burning form fully signed by a representative with authority from the fire department with jurisdiction form to the Ohio Division of Forestry. ***Signature on this form serves as written approval for the applicant from the Fire Department with jurisdiction.***

Prior to signing this approval form for the applicant to be granted a waiver of Ohio Revised Code 1503.18C, the fire department should consider the following:

- Applicant's wildfire training, knowledge, and experience
- Applicant's burn plan (weather conditions, tools/resources, fire breaks, monitoring, etc.)
- Applicant's contingency plan in case of an escape
- Applicant's reason for requesting the waiver; purpose of the burn
- Any safety considerations for the applicant or neighbors

If written approval is provided, the fire department may provide the applicant with a set of conditions and requirements that they wish the applicant to abide by in conducting the burn project. Enforcement of any conditions and requirements is the responsibility of the fire department, not the Ohio Division of Forestry.

Applicant name: _____
Applicant phone #: _____
Applicant address: _____

**by signing below I am providing written approval from the local fire department of jurisdiction for the applicant to conduct open the burns described in the Ohio Division of Forestry Request for Waiver of ORC1503.18 form. I have authority to grant this approval.

Fire Department name: _____

FD personnel granting approval name: _____

Fire Department Signature: _____