Open Burn Permit Information

By illustration and not limitation the following list of materials are prohibited from being burnt. Burning any material other than brush and vegetation is a violation of state and federal law. Burning of prohibit materials can cause you to be cited into court, pay fines and court costs, and costs of suppressing your fire. Permit Holders are responsible for the fire they kindle, you may be held liable for damages if your fire spreads. Additional information is available from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Prohibited:

1. Structures of any form and/or demolished structures.
2. Roofing material, singles, tar paper or other roofing products.
3. Treated lumber.
4. Timbers lumber or boards painted, varnished or clean.
5. Plastic products.
6. Tires, foam rubber, or rubber products or any kind.
7. Chemicals of any type including gasoline & diesel fuel.
8. Burning leaves within the South Haven City limits.

Important:

If you will be burning on more than one day please call fire department headquarters at 637-5151 before starting each day, this informs the changing duty crew.

Please burn during the daylight hours and have the fire down or out by dark. Many good intentioned people call in false alarms after dark when they see flames.

Initial: Applicant_____ Date:_____

Issuer:_____

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NOTICE: Open Burning is defined as: burning brush or vegetation without a containment vessel where the by-products, heat and embers are released to the surrounding area and air. Section 307 of the Fire Code requires that an Open Burn Permit be obtained prior to kindling a fire for silvicultural, range or wildlife management practices, disease or pest control. Application for the Open Burn Permit can only be presented by and issued to the land owner. As provided in Section 307.2.2 open burning that will be or becomes offensive or objectionable due to smoke, or odor or when conditions make burning hazardous the permit holder shall extinguish the fire.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. The location shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure and provisions shall be made to prevent spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

2. The fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished and at minimum one fire extinguisher or other extinguishing agent (garden hose etc.) available for immediate use.

3. **Only brush or vegetation may be burned**. By illustration and not limitation absolutely no lumber, plastics, styrofoam, building materials, animals or animal by-products, rubber or petroleum products shall be burned.

Owners Name:_____

Address: _____

Phone Number:_____

Fax Number:_____

Location of Burn site:_____

Date:_____Expires:_____

Issued By: _____for SHAESA.

Signature of Permit Holder:_____

By signing; the permit holder assumes any and all liabilities for his/her actions and that many other state and federal regulations apply to open burning including but not limited to the Clean Air Act, Solid Waste Management. Be it further understood that the permit holder may be required to reimburse SHAESA for any and all costs in extinguishment of the permitted fire or any complications arising from the permitted fire.

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