

# Air Pollution Control Division

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## Canton City Health Department

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Health Commissioner

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APCD Administrator

CERTIFIED MAIL

April 26, 2007

Ms. Ashlee Richards  
1226 Struble Ave NE  
Canton, OH 44705-1143

**Re: INFORMATION RELATING TO OPEN BURNING IN CITY LIMITS**

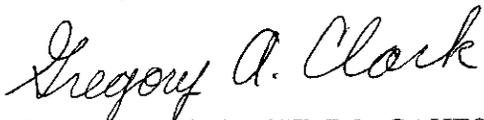
Dear Ms. Richards

This office is in receipt of a report indicating that the Canton Fire Department was called to your outdoor fire of yard waste on the evening of April 22, 2007.

The city has ordinances against open burning for waste disposal. Open burning is permitted for cooking food for human consumption. Except for common barbeque grills, the city requires verbal application made to the local fire department in your area at least 48 hours prior to the time the recreational fire is set. You do this by calling the Canton Fire Department at (330) 489-3400. There are city restrictions on the locations, size, fuel, and duration of the fire. Enclosed is a copy of Canton City Ordinance 15 13 on Recreational Fires. Also enclosed is a copy of the form that the fire department will fill out when you call in your verbal application to them. You might find this helpful as a guide to facilitate the process.

By copy of this letter to the listed owners of the property, they are advised that property owners are responsible for open burning violations of their tenants and they are supplied with the City's recreational fire ordinances.

Sincerely,



Gregory A. Clark, CHMM, CAHES  
Air Pollution Control Engineer

Enclosures: 1. Canton Ordinances 15 13. 01, .02, .03  
2. Recreational Fire information form

cc: Teresa A. Stout, 2031 Verde Ave, Akron OH 44314 (Certified Mail)  
Chief Steven J. Rich, Canton Fire Department, 110 Seventh St. SW, Canton OH 44702



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**CITY OF CANTON**  
DIVISION OF FIRE

**STEPHEN J. RICH, Chief**

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[www.ci.canton.oh.us/safety/service/fire/](http://www.ci.canton.oh.us/safety/service/fire/)

**FIRE REPORT**

April 23, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

On Sunday, April 22, 2007 at 2350 hrs., Tower 9 to 1226 Struble Ave NE to check smoke in the area. Crew found resident Ashlee Richards burning yard waste. Crew extinguished the fire and explained ordinance, specifically regarding time limits. All ok 2128 hrs.

The above information was obtained from the Official Log Book on page 263 from the Chief's Office.

Respectfully,

Stephen J. Rich  
Chief  
DIVISION OF FIRE

SJR:cap

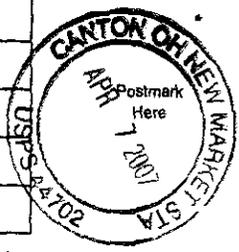
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Sent To **MS. ASHLEE RICHARDS**  
 Street, Apt. No. or PO Box No. **1226 STRUBLE AVE NE**  
 City, State, ZIP+4 **CANTON OH 44705**

PS Form 3800, June 2002 See Reverse for Instructions

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**MS. ASHLEE RICHARDS  
 1226 STRUBLE AVE NE  
 CANTON OH 44705**

2. Article Number  
 (Transfer from service label)

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**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Signature  Agent  Addressee  
*Ashley Richards*  
 B. Received by (Printed Name) **ASHLEY RICHARDS** C. Date of Delivery **4-28-07**  
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PS Form 3811, August 2001

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## Codified Ordinances

Use your browser File Print to print the ordinance to the printer

### 1513.01 DEFINITION AND EXEMPTION.

(a) Definition. "Recreational fire" is defined for the purpose of this chapter as an outdoor open fire utilized to cook food for human consumption.

(b) Exemption. A small fire contained in a non-commercial clean burning enclosed cooking apparatus, commonly known as a grill, which is fueled by charcoal, propane or natural gas or similar material is exempt from the application requirement prescribed in Section 1513.02.

(Ord. 207-2001. Passed 9-24-01.)

### 1513.02 APPLICATION, LOCATION, MATERIAL, SIZE AND DURATION.

(a) Application. Application for approval of recreational fires shall be verbally submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau at least forty-eight (48) hours before the fire is set. If a recreational fire is planned for a weekend or holiday, notification shall be given by 4:00 p.m. Friday or by 4:00 p.m. on the last business day before the holiday. The following information shall be provided at the time the approval is requested:

- (1) The purpose of the fire;
- (2) The nature and quantities of the material to be burned;
- (3) The date, time and duration of the fire;
- (4) The location; and
- (5) The fire-extinguishing equipment to be provided.

(b) Location. The location of the fire shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any structure.

(c) Material. The material shall be of the minimum size for the intended purpose, consist only of seasoned dry firewood and be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.

(d) Size and Duration. A recreational fire shall not be more than 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. in dimension and shall not be permitted to burn longer than three (3) hours, unless approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau. All recreational fires shall be extinguished by 11:00 p.m.

(e) Attendance. A recreational fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. Approved extinguishing equipment shall be available for immediate utilization at all times.

(Ord. 207-2001. Passed 9-24-01.)

## Ordinances

### 1513.03 PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING.

(a) No person or property owner shall cause or allow open burning except as provided in Section 1513.02.

(b) If a recreational fire creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, the Fire Department shall order the property owner or person having control to extinguish the fire. If the property owner or person having control refuses, the Fire Department will extinguish the fire.

(c) If the fire is not a recreational fire which has been approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau, or any other form of open burning for which a permit has been issued by the Air Pollution Control Division of the Canton Health Department, it shall be extinguished and reported to the Air Pollution Control Division of the Canton Health Department.

(Ord. 207-2001. Passed 9-24-01.)

## Recreational Fire

Application for approval of recreational fires shall be verbally submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau at least forty-eight (48) hours before the fire is set. If a recreational fire is planned for a weekend or holiday, notification shall be given by 4:00 p.m. Friday or by 4:00 p.m. the last business day before the holiday

Name of Person Having Fire: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Location of Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Recreational Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Fire: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. through \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

**\*\*\* Note: Recreational Fires are not permitted to burn longer than three (3) hours, unless approved in advance by the Fire Prevention Bureau, and shall be extinguished by 11:00 PM**

Type of Material to be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Note: Only seasoned, dry fire wood may be used. Construction materials cannot be burned!!**

Size: A recreational fire shall not be more than 2 ft. x 2ft. x 2 ft. in dimension

Check type of extinguishing material/equipment that will be on hand at all times:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fire Extinguisher      \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Hose      \_\_\_\_\_ Sand

Attendance: A recreations fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished!

Location: Fire may not be within fifty (50) feet of any structure

Application Taken By

\_\_\_\_\_