

# CITY OF ONEIDA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## ALL OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2026 THRU MAY 14, 2026

YOU MAY BURN CHARCOAL OR DRY, CLEAN, UNTREATED AND UNPAINTED WOOD.

**THE BURNING OF LOOSE LEAVES OR LEAF PILES  
AND HOUSEHOLD TRASH IS ILLEGAL.**

### DURING THE BURN BAN, THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS ARE ALLOWED;

- Campfires or any other outdoor fires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter.
- Small cooking fires.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires.
- Disposal of flags or religious items in small-sized fires.
- Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.

### CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES

- Open burning to control invasive plant or insect species is allowed. Case-by-case DEC approval is required.

### AGRICULTURAL USES

- Organic agricultural wastes may be burned on-site where they are grown or generated, including brush and wood produced by clearing fields and other activities.
- Fires must be located on contiguous agricultural land larger than 5 acres, and the materials capable of being fully burned within 24 hours.
- The burning of pesticides, plastics or other non-organic material is prohibited.
- The use of liquid petroleum fueled smudge pots to prevent frost damage to crops is allowed.
- Burning tires and other wastes for smudge is prohibited.
- Individual open fires to control plant and animal disease outbreaks are allowed as approved on a case-by-case by DEC, upon the request by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

### LOCATIONS

- *FIRES IN APPROVED CONTAINERS (burn barrels, chimineas, portable outdoor fireplaces, etc.) NOT LESS THAN 15 FEET FROM A STRUCTURE.*
- *CAMPFIRES AND SMALL COOKING FIRES NOT LESS THAN 25 FEET FROM A STRUCTURE.*
- *ALL OTHER FIRES NOT LESS THAN 50 FEET FROM A STRUCTURE.*

### AFTER THE BURN BAN

- YOU MAY BURN TREE LIMBS WITH ATTACHED LEAVES. THE LIMB MUST BE LESS THAN 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 8 FEET IN LENGTH (ALSO REFERRED TO AS BRUSH)

**ALL FIRES SHALL BE CONSTANTLY ATTENDED UNTIL THE FIRE IS EXTINGUISHED. FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE USE (fire extinguisher, dirt, sand, garden hose, etc.).**

**Reference: NYS DEC PART 215, 2025 FIRE CODE OF NYS SECTION 307**