

# Battle Creek Fire Department



*From the Desk of Fire Marshal Quincy Jones*

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**TO:** City of Battle Creek

**DATE:** 6/6/2023

**RE:** Open Burn Ban

The City of Battle Creek effective as of today's date of June 6, 2023 has entered a OPEN BURN BAN status. This determination is based on updated weather conditions in relations to excessive dry conditions noted throughout the State of Michigan. Conditions are expected to remain dry and extreme for potential fire danger throughout the week. The Battle Creek Fire Department will continue to evaluate the status of weather conditions that may give conditional relief and lift of the ban in the following days to come. Rain is expected later this week at which a re-evaluation will be considered for resuming permissible open burning. The status will remain in effect until further notice. Burn permits will not be issued during the time of the ban. Those who have current existing burn permits ARE NOT EXEMPT from this determination. The conditions associated with the OPEN BURN BAN status mean the following:

1. You MAY NOT BURN any yard waste materials or conduct any associated open burning.
2. Recreational campfires are PROHIBITED at this time. Cooking grills may be used. NO active cooking grill placement on yard surfaces. While grill cooking is permitted it is asked that a water or extinguishing sources are kept close by areas of cooking. Additionally, NO recreational grill cooking should be left unattended.

#### 1610.01 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

The International Fire Code as well as Appendices B, C, D, E, F and G of said code is hereby adopted as amended and with jurisdiction specific items as the Fire Code of the City of Battle Creek, in the State of Michigan. All regulations, provisions, adopted Appendices, penalties, conditions and terms of the International Fire Code are made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes set out in Section 1610.03.

(Ord. 9-00. Passed 5-2-00; Ord. 14-05. Passed 7-19-05.)

"Section 307 of the International Fire Code provides as follows:

307.1 General:

A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with Sections 307.1.1 through 307.5."

"307.1.1 Prohibited open burning.

Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Exception: Prescribed burning for the purpose of reducing the impact of wildland fire when authorized by the fire code official."

Please feel free to contact the Battle Creek Fire Department for updates or questions regarding the status of the local OPEN BURN BAN for the City of Battle Creek at 269-966-3519. More information regarding the Michigan Department of Natural resources can be found at [Michigan.gov/BurnPermit](http://Michigan.gov/BurnPermit).

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