

Burn Permit Procedure:

Township residents within the BIRCH Fire Service Area may obtain a permit to burn on their properties by calling **269-945-5384 option 1**. If no one is available to answer the phone, please leave a voicemail with your name, property address, phone number, and the date and time you would like to burn and someone will return your call at their earliest convenience. **Burn permits may be issued between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday**. Please contact the Fire Department with any questions.

No burning of building demolition materials, automobile bodies, tires, plastic or other highly flammable, toxic, or explosive materials or furniture of any kind is allowed within the Township of Rutland. Any burning that creates a nuisance or hazard to health will not be allowed. If the Hastings/BIRCH Fire Department responds to such incidents mentioned above, and the person or persons do not have a permit, or they are burning illegal products, they will be billed for the response. Please be aware that there is a minimum charge of \$350.00 for the department to respond to these types of incidents.