



OPEN BURNING on BOIS BLANC ISLAND

Before ANY open burning, verbal permission must be obtained from the Bois Blanc Island Fire Department by calling one of the volunteer Fire Department members listed below:

Brandon Schlund, Fire Chief	(231) 420-3028
Dan Reynolds, Assistant Chief	(231) 676-9336
Robert Hayes, Assistant Chief	(734) 301-8070
Russ Riker, Firefighter/EMR	(231) 634-7487

The Bois Blanc Island Fire Department monitors regional DNR Fire Danger ratings daily, as well as specific conditions on the Island. Even if verbal permission for open burning is given, you will still be held legally responsible for any damages caused by your fire, and for the emergency Fire Department response if someone reports your fire or smoke. You will also face prosecution and fines if you fail to obtain verbal permission.

Permitted campfires must be kept small, generally no larger than about three (3) feet in diameter and three (3) feet tall. Someone must be present at the campfire at all times. A campfire discovered unattended will result in prosecution. Campfires must be fully extinguished, meaning no flames or hot embers, before being left.

The Island is always drier than you think, and the potential for wildfire is real. Our Fire Department does not have the equipment or manpower to fight a wildfire that can easily be sparked by a campfire, or even by a cigarette.

Fireworks are always at your own risk. The Fire Department does not give permission to ignite fireworks, discourages them except when handled by licensed professionals, and cautions that fireworks can easily injure bystanders or set off forest fires.

Thank you for helping to keep Bois Blanc Island safe.