## **BURN PERMITS**

A permit to have an open fire is required except when the ground is snow covered, or for domestic purposes, or to protect persons or property in case of fire.

To obtain a permit, call the township offices during regular business hours or Fire Chief, Dwight Sheridan, at 231-853-6848 any day except Sunday.

- Permits are not valid for more than 3 consecutive days.
- No fire shall be set when a high wind is blowing.
- An adequate fire line shall be made around the area to be burned.
- A force of adults, sufficient to control the fire, shall be on hand at all times.
- ✓ Permit holders are liable for any damage to property which may occur.
- Permits are revoked if conditions are such that burning may not be done safely.

## LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Any person who sets a fire without taking reasonable precautions or leaves a fire before it is extinguished is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Any person who maliciously sets a fire which endangers human life or destroys property may be assessed a fine or imprisoned.
- Any person who negligently allows a fire to escape is liable for all expenses incurred in the suppression of that fire.