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Open Burning Extended for June

Due to the recent storms, high winds, and extensive brush that has fallen, McHenry County Chairman Kenneth Koehler has extended weekend open burning for those who qualify for June 21st-22nd and June 28th-29th. All other burn restrictions remain in effect as per the revised open burn ordinance that took effect April 1st, 2008. This revised ordinance restrictions for burning include:

- only landscape waste may be burned and only on the property in which it was generated;
- burning may take place only between dawn and dusk;
- Burning may take place only when the winds are less than 10 mph;
- the person burning must be supervised by an individual at least 18 years of age; and
- a fire extinguisher, garden hose or water source must be available at the burning site.

These restrictions are in place when burning more than 100' from a habitable structure and 50' from a non-habitable structure. No open burning of landscape waste is allowed when the distance is less than stated above.

To view the revised open burning ordinance for landscape waste effective April 1, 2008, please visit the McHenry County Department of Health at www.mcdh.info, search: open burn. Further information can be obtained by calling the McHenry County Department of Health at 815-334-4585.

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