

## RECREATIONAL FIRES

**Recreational Fires** are enjoyable for all of our citizens. However, we want them to be safe for everyone, so please follow these requirements:

- Natural cut wood: log size can be 3 foot long and no larger than 12 inches in diameter (brush, pine needles, processed lumber, grass, painted materials, etc. are prohibited from being burned)
- Excessive tree and rubbish materials cannot be burned
- Pile size should be less than 3 feet with a flame no higher than 2 feet
- Must be more than 25 feet from any structure or combustible material
- Must be constantly attended
- Extinguishing agent must be readily available (such as hose and/or sand)

### **Portable Fire Pits:**

- Must be more than 15 feet from any structure or combustible material
- Extinguishing agent must be readily available (such as hose and/or sand)

**Bonfires** require prior approval from a Fire Official.

### **To Report Burning Complaints**

If an illegal burn is occurring contact 911 and inform the dispatcher that this is a **non-emergency** nature of a call.

### CITY ORDINANCE CONTACT INFO.

4814 Henry St., Norton Shores, MI 49441  
Phone: 231.799.6811    Ordinance Enforcement  
Phone: 231.799.6809    Fire Prevention Bureau  
Phone: 231.799.6801    Building Division  
Phone: 231.799.6800    Zoning Division  
Fax: 231.798.7302  
**Nortonshores.org**

## General Ordinance Information



CITY OF NORTON  
SHORES, MICHIGAN



**Part of understanding  
your community means  
learning about local rules that  
impact your quality of life.**

### **To File an Ordinance Complaint:**

Visit us at **Nortonshores.org**:

**Departments/Fire Department/General  
Ordinance Information/Complaint Form:**

Fill out all required fields (we must have the complaint address, complainant name, address and phone number) save to your desktop and submit form.

**Quality neighborhoods benefit  
everyone by keeping our City an  
attractive, clean and safe place to  
live and raise a family. This  
brochure is provided to help you  
with frequently asked questions  
regarding ordinances, complaints  
and the corresponding departments.**



## MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

### Animals

For barking dogs, feces clean up, and dogs with no leashes contact the Police Department 733.2691.

### Junk and Debris

Appliances, tires, batteries are all considered junk and debris. No indoor furniture is allowed outside 799.6811.

### Vehicles/Trailers

Vehicles must be licensed, operable and in good repair. The Police Department may tow inoperable or unlicensed vehicles to report junk vehicles, call 733.2691.

### Mowing and Yard Upkeep

During the growing season, which is generally April through October, the City rules require that the grass be **maintained** and **not exceed six inches in height**. Grass clippings may not be in the roadway or ditch. The terrace (the area between the curb and sidewalk) and alley areas must also be maintained. Additionally, shrubs and trees must be trimmed back and away at corners to prevent traffic hazards and from sidewalks for pedestrian safety. No yard waste can be disposed in the roadways 799.6811.

### Yard Waste

Yard waste items cannot be stored in yards. This includes, but not limited to:

Building materials	Car parts
Household items	Tires
Dismantled machinery	Trash
Domestic waste	Furniture

## LEAVES

Leaf enforcement begins May 1st and ends August 30th. Once leaf season has concluded, unbagged leaves on a property with a principal structure **must be removed**.

### Leaf Disposal Sites

Leaves must be transported by a car, truck or trailer with tarps covering the leaves.

#### 1. 7249 Wood Road

Wood Road south of Pontaluna Road.  
Paper bagged, loose leaves, and small brush (less than 3 inches in diameter)

*Summer Hours:*

Saturday/Sunday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

*Spring/Fall Hours:*

7 days a week 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

#### 2. Ross Park

Wellesley Road at Randall Road, east side of Ross Park.

Paper bagged leaves only.

*Summer Hours:*

Closed

*Spring/Fall Hours:*

7 days a week 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Contact 798.2156 or 799.6803 for more information.

### An Ordinance Enforcement

**Officer** will take action on properties that are not maintained. You will receive letters for any ordinance violations. Subsequent violations will result in the City cleaning up the property at the property owner's expense.

## TEMPORARY SIGNS AND STORAGE

### Temporary Signs

Special event signs can be used in Norton Shores twice a year for 14 consecutive days. Permit fee: Business - \$100  
Non-Profit - \$ 25

Restrictions:

- Cannot be air operated
- Must not obstruct pedestrian and vehicular visibility
- Must not be placed on any public right-of-way
- Must be kept on the property

*This information is based on a permitted temporary sign.*

### Temporary Storage Units

Units can be placed for 30 days.

A person or supplier must register the placement of a temporary storage unit with the Fire Department 798.2255.

### Temporary Signs Online:

Visit us at [Nortonshores.org](http://Nortonshores.org):

**Departments/Fire Department/Permits and Applications:** Fill out all required fields, save to your desktop and submit form.



*Thank you for keeping Norton Shores clean!*