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East Fallowfield Township
Burning Regulations

Please be aware that any new construction of a home or destruction you must rent a dumpster for all your building materials. It may not be burned.

Name _____

Address _____

Purpose/Materials _____ Extinguishment _____

I have been instructed to read the rules herein _____

General regulations concerning open burning.

1. Open burning is only permitted on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, between sun rise and sun set.
2. The Chester County Fire Board shall be notified at 610-436-4705 prior to, and at the conclusion of, all open burning and ceremonial fires.
3. Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emission or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited and can be ordered extinguished by the fire codes official.
4. No open burning is permitted on any property less than 1 acre in size. Exceptions may be made for ceremonial fires with prior approval from the fire code official.
5. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this ordinance.
6. The use of petrochemicals, hydrocarbons, or other man made accelerants to kindle a fire is prohibited.
7. A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural, range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire.
8. Applications for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land, or their authorized representatives, upon which the fire is kindled.

9. The permit holder is responsible for compliance with the regulations stated in this permit, maintaining control of the fire, and for any damages resulting from the fire or failure to maintain control of the fire.
10. When required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.
11. The locations for open burning shall be at least 50 feet from any structure, and provisions made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.
12. Open burning is only permitted to dispose of garden materials or sivicultural materials such as tree branches, trimmings, etc. All materials shall be seasoned or dry to minimize smoke and emissions. Under no circumstances is the burning of leaves permitted.
13. Open burning shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes. Under no circumstances is the burning of; trash, garbage, plastics, cleaners, solvents, paint, motor oil, fuels, gasoline, waste products, debris, or similar items allowed.
14. Open burning, bonfires, or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one working fire extinguisher with an appropriate rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

Bonfires

1. A bonfire is an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.
2. A bonfire shall not be more than 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet in dimension
3. A bonfire shall not burn longer than 4 hours.
4. Fuel for a bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper.
5. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes and fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of smoke and air contaminants.
6. A bonfire shall meet all other requirements stated in this ordinance and can be ordered extinguished by the fire codes official if deemed to be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Recreational Fires

1. A recreational fire is an open, outdoor fire utilized to cook food for human consumption. Charcoal fires in barbeque grills are not considered to be recreational fires.
2. A burning permit is not needed for a recreational fire.
3. Recreational fires do not need to meet the 1 acre minimum lot size requirement.
4. Recreational fires will be less than 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet in size, and shall not burn for longer than 4 hours.

5. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes and fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of smoke and air contaminants.
6. A recreational fire shall meet all other requirements stated in this ordinance and can be ordered extinguished by the fire codes official if deemed to be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Enforcement

1. Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, shall be prohibited.
2. The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of any and all open burning which in their opinion, creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
3. Failure to comply with the regulations stated in this permit will result in:
 - a. Revocation of the burning permit by a township official and/or,
 - b. Issuance of a citation.