



UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

In accordance with Section F307 of the Fire Code of Upper Providence Township, the following open burning is permitted within Upper Providence Township.

Open burning is permitted on private property of 1 and 2 family dwellings during the months of **March, April, May, October, November and December** subject to the following regulations.

1. There is little to no wind at the time.
2. Fires are for burning of leaves, **small tree branches up to three (3) inches in diameter** and yard trimmings.
3. The fire must be constantly attended by a competent person until it is extinguished.
4. a garden hose connected to a water supply ready for use and able to extend fifteen (15) feet beyond the fire or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use shall be supplied. (See Section 307.4 of the Township Fire Code)
5. All fires, including smoldering embers must be completely extinguished prior to dusk on the same day which it was ignited.
6. The Fire Marshal may prohibit open burning of leaves, tree branches and yard trimmings when, in his opinion, atmospheric conditions or local circumstances will make such burning hazardous.
7. 1 and 2 family dwellings are permitted to burn everyday household waste in an approved container with a screen on top during daylight hours year round, provided they meet item number 5 above.
8. The location for any open burning shall not be less than fifty (50) from any structure and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within fifty (50) feet of any structure. The location shall also be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any property lines. Fires in an approved container shall be located a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any structure or property lines.
9. The Fire Marshal may prohibit any open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions. The Fire Marshal may order the extinguishment, by the permit holder or the Fire Department, of any open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.
- 10. PRIOR TO BURNING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER AT 610-489-0911 AND INFORM THEM OF THE LOCATION OF THE BURN. AFTER THE FIRE IS OUT, YOU MUST CALL THE DISPATCH CENTER AGAIN AND INFORM THEM THAT THE FIRE HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED.**

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE BURN PERMIT BEING REVOKED AND MAY RESULT IN THE ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS OF UP TO \$1,000.00 FOR EACH AND EVERY VIOLATION.