

***TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL***

OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

General Regulations

Open burning is permitted on private property of one and two family dwellings during the months of **March, April, May, October, November and December** subject to the following conditions:

1. There is little or no wind at the time.
2. Fires are for burning of leaves, small tree branches up to three 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.
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. One and two 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 No. 5 above.
8. The location for any open burning shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any structure and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within fifty (50) feet of any structure. The location must also be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any property lines. Fires in an approved container shall not be less than fifteen (15) feet from any structure.
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. Please call the Upper Providence Township Fire Marshal's Office at 610-933-9179 to schedule an inspection of the burn site and of the materials being burned. Please give 24 hours notice for any inspections.**

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