



OPEN BURNING RULES

1. **Who Can Burn:** ONE and TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS ONLY
2. **What You Can Burn:** Yard trimmings ONLY
3. **What You CANNOT Burn:** LEAVES, Recycling Material, Garbage, Household, Business, Industrial Trash and Construction Debris or Similar Waste Products
4. **Where You Can Burn:** Not less than 50 feet from any structure, and so placed as to prevent the spread of fire to within 50' of any structure, vehicle or fuel tank and not less than 25 feet from any property line
5. **Where You CANNOT Burn:** In any Street, Alley or any Right of Way
6. **When You Can Burn:**
 - **Saturdays and Sundays Only**, during the months of January, February, March, June, July, August, September and December
 - **Daily** during the months of April, May, October and November

Additional Information

- Prior to any burning, the resident shall be required to notify the Township Police Department at 215-368-7600.
- You MAY NOT start burning before 8:00am. The fire and all embers must be completely extinguished before dusk, on the same day ignited. Smoldering debris IS NOT acceptable.
- The fire must be attended constantly by a responsible person.
- You must have an operating garden hose long enough to reach 15 feet beyond the burn pile.
- The pile size must not exceed 5' x 5' x 3' high. If more piles exist, only one (1) pile may be burning at a time.
- You may not use flammable liquids to accelerate the burning of the pile.

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- You may not burn during high winds, drought or weather inversions or when deemed hazardous by the Fire Marshall.
- The fire must be free burning and not generating excessive smoke.
- Any embers discharging from the fire must be controlled and may not enter onto adjacent properties.
- If a complaint is received due to excessive smoke or fire embers entering onto adjacent properties, the Fire Marshall's Office or the Police Department may order the fire to be extinguished.
- If high winds exist, a ban will be placed on any "open burning" for the remainder of the day.
- The fire must be completely extinguished by dusk on the same day it was ignited. No extension of this time may be granted.

54-4 Violations and Penalties

Any persons who shall violate any of the terms or provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof before a District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine or penalty not exceeding \$1,000 and the cost of prosecution for each offence. This is to be collected as like fines or penalties and costs, due collectible by law.

If you have any questions, please call 215-368-7602 during normal business hours.

(Reference: The Code of Towamencin Township, Chapter 54)

(Reference: International Fire Code – as adopted by Towamencin Township)

(Reference: PA Department of Environmental Protection {PADEP} Regulation 120.14)

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