



Chapter 54 Burning, Outdoor Township of Towamencin Ordinance **Prohibited acts.**

- **No person shall cause, allow, permit or maintain outdoor burning of garbage, household, business or industrial trash or similar waste products of every kind or nature, recycling material as listed under the Pennsylvania recycling Act of 1988, or Act 101 on a street or on public or private property, whether in connection with any building operation, in an open dump or otherwise, except as otherwise permitted by this chapter.**

Exceptions.

- **Exceptions for one- and two-family residential dwelling units only:**
- **The open burning of yard waste other than leaves shall be permitted on the premises only at a distance not less than 50 feet from any structure and so placed as to prevent the spread of fire to within 50 feet of any structure, vehicle, or fuel tank, and the fire shall be set not closer than 25 feet to any property line nor shall be set within the right-of-way of any street, subject to the following restrictions:**
- **The burning of yard waste other than leaves is permitted only on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year and daily during the months of April, May, October, and November, but these time periods may be extended if in the opinion of the Fire Marshal inclement weather during the permitted months has resulted in an inadequate opportunity for yard cleanup.**
- **Prior to any burning, the resident shall be required to notify the Township Police Department. 215-368-7600**
- **No such burning shall be permitted prior to 8:00 a.m. of any day, and all fire shall be completely extinguished, including smoldering embers, prior to dusk on the same day during which it is ignited.**

- Such burning shall be constantly attended by a responsible person. During such burning, a water hose attached to an operable water faucet or equipment capable of covering the fire with earth must be in immediate readiness for use in extinguishing the fire. A water hose, if used, must be of sufficient length to extend at least 15 feet beyond the site of the burning.
- The pile size shall not exceed five feet by five feet by three feet high. If additional piles exist, only one pile may be burning at time.
- Flammable liquids may not be used to accelerate the burning of the pile.
- The open burning of yard waste other than leaves shall not be permitted under this section with any other use other than one- and two-family residential dwelling units.
- Burning shall be permitted for recreational and entertainment purposes such as bon fires and campfires. Permission for such fires is required by the Fire Marshal at least 48 hours prior to the event. Contact the Fire Marshal's office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for approval. 215-368-7602

Hazardous conditions.

- Burning shall not be permitted during periods of high winds, drought or weather inversion (i.e., hazardous air quality conditions) or during or in any other situation deemed hazardous by the Fire Marshal.

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 offense, to be collected as like fines or penalties and costs due by law collectible.

Questions may be referred to the Fire Marshal during normal business hours at 215-368-7602.