

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BURNING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

Burning is permissible only between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

Burning in noncombustible containers must be covered with a screen of ½ inch or smaller mesh. No such fire shall be closer than twenty (20') feet from any building or property line. Permission is not required for these fires during daylight hours.

Farm burning of brush, or tree stumps and branches, is allowed only after permission has been secured from the Washington Township Fire Company. No brush burning is permitted within one hundred fifty (150') feet from any wooded area or building unless under the supervision of the Washington Township Fire Company.

Individuals having a camp fire or recreational fire after sunset must obtain permission in order to avoid a false alarm response by the Washington Township Fire Company.

At least one competent adult must be in attendance of all burns **AT ALL TIMES**. Fire extinguishing equipment for control of the fire must be readily available at the site such as rakes, shovels, garden hose, fire extinguisher, etc.

Materials being burned are to be materials generated on site and not brought in from another site. *Materials that **MAY NOT** be burned according to DEP Regulations include such items as demolition waste, insulation, shingles, treated wood, paint, painted or stained objects, or furniture, tires, mattresses, box springs, metal, insulating coating on wire, television sets and appliances, automobiles, automotive parts, batteries, PVC products, waste oil and other petroleum products.*

If a complaint is received and the burning is deemed a nuisance or if the burning is determined to be a hazard it shall be extinguished.

A burning ban will automatically be in effect when the National Weather Service issues a RED FLAG WARNING and/or when the RED FLAG is flown at the municipal building.

### Procedure for Permission:

Permission must be received from a Fire Officer of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company prior to the beginning of any burn, when permission is required. **A phone message is not acceptable and IS NOT permission to burn.**

Contacts: Tighe Lane 610-588-3234 or 610-588-6417 – Days Monday through Friday  
Todd Weaver 610-863-3898 - Evenings and Weekends  
George Abt 610-588-4873 - Alternate contact

*If an Officer can not be reached you may call the Northampton County 911 Center non-emergency number 610-759-2200 and request that a Washington Township Fire Officer contact you for permission to burn.*

When permission is received, you must contact the Northampton County 911 Center at the non-emergency number 610-759-2200 and provide: Your Name, Phone Number, Address of the burn, Name of the Officer authorizing the burn and the time when the burn will begin.

Upon completion of the burn you must notify the Northampton County 911 Center at the non-emergency number 610-759-2200 that the burn has been completed and extinguished.