



# OPEN BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION

**UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP**  
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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY** Permit No. :

Valid Burn Dates:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Burn Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Material to be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_

What method of extinguishing the fire will be used and maintained at the fire during burning? Please note that the method of extinguishing the fire must be sufficient for the size of the fire and readily available. **(Circle all that apply)**

Water

Dirt Covering

Chemical Extinguisher

Location of Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

**Draw a plot plan showing the location of burning and the distance to all structures and property lines.**

Permit issued subject to compliance with rules and regulations of Upper Allen Township (See back page).

Open Burning is prohibited on Sundays, federal holidays, and after dusk.

Firefighting equipment must be on hand at all times. Fire must be attended by an adult at all times.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# REQUIREMENTS FOR BURNING IN UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

1. Burning of any type requires a permit issued by Upper Allen Township. The permit is good for one full week; however, time extensions may be granted.
2. **The applicant must call the Cumberland County Dispatch the day of the burn. Their non-emergency number is 717-238-9676.**
3. The burning of the following items is prohibited: Animal or human waste, cardboard, magazines, slick paper, painted or stained siding, plastics, paints, varnishes or other petroleum based products, roof shingles, tires or any rubber product, hazardous chemicals or materials, wet or dry leaves, wet garbage or food waste, demolition waste, or any other material that may be collected under the Township's waste recycling program or regular trash collection contract.
4. All burning in containers must be done with a covering that contains holes not more than one half (1/2) inch in size to prevent the spread of flammable ashes.
5. All burning is subject to the regulations listed under Chapter 138 of the Township Ordinances and Section 307 of the International Fire Code, as adopted. (Copy of Section 307 Open Burning and Recreational Fires available upon request)
6. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading within 50 feet of any structure.

Exemptions: 1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure.

2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.

7. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
8. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be used within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
9. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit.
10. All burning shall not be less than 75 feet from any public or private roadway.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** If a burning ban goes into effect during the time frame of your burning permit dates, you will be notified by the Township office that your permit is being revoked, and you must stop burning immediately.