



**Whitehall Township
Bureau of Fire**

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Application for Bonfire or Camp Fire Permit

All applications for a Bonfire/Camp Fire should be submitted in writing at least ten business days prior to the burn and shall include the application filled out in its entirety. This application is for only the day or days indicated and no other.

1. Owner of property that the Bonfire/Camp Fire will be on: _____
2. Group sponsoring the Bonfire/Camp Fire: _____
3. Have arrangements been made for a Fire Department Standby (Bonfire only):
Yes _____ No _____
4. Who will oversee starting the fire: _____

All permits shall be requested by ordinance, issued to the owner of the land upon which the Bonfire is to be kindled. The owner of the land is responsible for the fire and ashes or cinders that leave or remain after the fire. As well as any monetary damages caused by the fire or its remnants if the fire should rekindle or become out of control.

Signature of the Applicant: _____

Printed Name of the Applicant: _____

Address of the Applicant: _____

Location of the Bonfire/Camp Fire: _____

Phone Number of the Applicant: _____

Date of the Bonfire/Camp Fire: _____

Remember that only dry wood can be used and should be ignited with a small quantity of paper. Use of tires, rubber, plastics, asphalt shingles are prohibited only natural products may be burned. A Bonfire shall not be more than 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet high in dimension and shall not burn for longer than 3 hours. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminate.

Section 307 Open Burning:

307.2.1: Authorization.

Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

307.2.2 Prohibited open Burning.

Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

307.3 Location:

The location for open burning shall not be less than 50ft. (15240mm) from any structure and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 ft. (15240mm) of any structure.

307.4 Attendance:

Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved onsite fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

Return the permit with all applicable permits and you will be called when your permit is approved. If the permit is not complete it will not be approved.