

## UPPER HANOVER TOWNSHIP BURNING REGULATIONS SUMMARY

### Burning Permits are required for the following:

Any fire set in conjunction with the production of agricultural commodities in their un-manufactured state on the premises of the farm operation.

Any fire set solely for recreational or ceremonial purposes.

### Burning Permits are not required for the following:

Any fire set solely for cooking food.

Use of Highway safety flares, smudge pots, tar pots and similar occupational uses.

Any fire set for the purpose of burning of domestic refuse.

*Note: Must be burned in an approved container as per the attached guidelines.*

### Approved Applications by The Department Of Environmental Protection are required for the following:

Any fire set to prevent or abate a fire hazard.

Any fire set for the purpose of instructing personnel in fire fighting.

Any fire set for the prevention and control of disease or pests.

*Note: All of the above also requires approval by the township fire marshal.*

Any fire set for clearing and grubbing waste.

*Notes: Above also requires an Air Curtain Destructor and township fire marshal approval.*

### Any of the above, under the following conditions, would be just cause for immediate extinguishment:

The emissions are visible, at any time, at the point such emissions pass outside the property of the person on whose land the domestic burning is being conducted.

Malodorous odor contaminants from the domestic burning are detectable outside the property of the person on whose land the domestic burning is being conducted.

The emissions interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of life and property or cause damage to vegetation or property.

The emissions are or may have harmful effects to human or animal health.

Any Order by the Fire Marshal or other Governmental Body prevents burning due to drought or other extreme weather conditions.

**Burning Permit Applications are available at the Upper Hanover Township Municipal Building or over the Internet at: [www.upperhanovertownship.org](http://www.upperhanovertownship.org). Applications should be submitted to the township building at least ten (10) days before the fire is set, and are only valid for the date and time specified. For further information contact: Shawn Shade, Fire Marshal at 215-679-4401.**

## GUIDELINES APPROVED CONTAINERS

**Approved Container** - Any container used for the purpose of burning materials as authorized herein; constructed of masonry, metal, or other non-combustible rigid materials; containing a bottom, sides, and a burn container cover as defined herein. Any container which has deteriorated to the point where they contain holes or missing surface in the structure shall not be considered an approved container. If metal drums are being used, they shall be free from holes in the sides and/or bottom, except that they may contain drain or vent holes in the bottom of the drum no larger than two (2) square inches each.

**Burn Container Cover** - A metal screen with spaces not more than one-half (1/2) square inch, or other comparable material which covers the entire open area above the approved container opening. Such screens shall be maintained in good order as to prevent large particles from escaping from the approved container during operation. The cover shall not be permitted to deteriorate to any point whereby it loses its maximum efficiency.

1. Shall be utilized for disposal of domestic refuse:

**Domestic refuse** - Waste which is generated from the normal occupancy of a structure occupied solely as a dwelling by two (2) families or less. The term does not include household hazardous waste, source separated recyclables, appliances, carpets, demolition waste (insulation, shingles, plaster, siding, etc.), food waste, furniture, mattresses or box springs, paint, plastics, petroleum products, putrescible waste, rubber products, solvents, tires, treated wood or wire.

2. Container shall be a minimum of twenty-five feet 25' (7620 mm) from a structure or property line.
3. Must be attended at all times.
4. Must take place during daylight hours.
5. Atmospheric conditions and local circumstances must be favorable and fire must be attended at all times.
6. A fire extinguisher shall be present at all times or some other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

## **Leaf Waste, Yard Waste and Tree Trimmings**

The burning of leaf waste, yard waste, and tree trimmings and/or any item, substance or material designated as a recyclable material is prohibited.

Leaf and yard waste is defined as leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings and similar materials, but does not include grass clippings. Tree trimmings include twigs and branches no larger than four (4) inches in diameter.

All property owners are required under the Upper Hanover Township Recycling Ordinance to contract with a local waste hauler included on the list of Township registered recycling haulers to have designated recyclable materials, including leaf/yard waste, collected. Your selected hauler is required to provide a twice per year curb-side pick-up of yard/leaf waste. The Township provides a yard/leaf waste drop-off location that is open every second Saturday of the month and is free of charge.