

BURNING BAN

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NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Effective 5/7/08

Due to the drought conditions and for the safety and welfare of the residents, a Moderate fire danger level has been declared and open burning is prohibited until further notice in the Township of North Whitehall pursuant to Township Ordinance 1999-2.

Specific types of open burning, which are prohibited, include:

1. Burning of leaves, wood, vegetation or agricultural burning;
2. Burning of rubbish or trash.

Contained burning that will be permitted:

1. Gas grills, stone or brick outdoor fireplaces;
2. Cutting torches;
3. Burning of paper products in non-combustible barrels or containers with:
 - a. a capacity (volume) not exceeding 55 gallons;
 - b. side opening no larger than one inch (1");
 - c. a lid with openings not larger than one-half (1/2") in any dimension.
4. Fire department training.

Certain exceptions may be granted. Contact the Township Office for additional information.

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BURNING BAN EXCEPTIONS CLARIFICATION

Section 7 under Ordinance 1999-2 allows the Board of Supervisors to grant certain exceptions to the burning ban.

The Board may grant exceptions to the ban against open burning providing a written request is received by the Board detailing the following:

1. The specific instance for which open burning is requested;
2. The location and time for which open burning is requested;
3. The protective measures to be taken to prevent the uncontrolled spread of fire.

The application would be reviewed, conditions (if any) attached and the Supervisors may approve or disapprove any application at their discretion.

The intent of Section 7 is to preclude a true hardship in disposal of combustible materials. (An example – farmers clearing their hedge rows).