

BURNING REGULATIONS

NO BURNING IS PERMITTED IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE BAN EMERGENCY

PERMITTED BURNING

Burning is allowed without permit during the following time specifications:

Monday through Friday 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Sunday: Prohibited

EXEMPT BURNING (UNLESS IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE BAN EMERGENCY)

- a) Fire used for the burning of waste generated by clearing or grubbing prior to construction, as long as smoke odors, ash or sparks and embers do not cross onto other properties;
- b) Fire set in conjunction with the production of agricultural commodities in their unmanufactured state on the premises of the farm operation;
- c) Fire set solely for recreational or ceremonial purposes, or used only for cooking;
- d) Fire set to prevent or abate a fire hazard, when approved by PA DEP and set by or under the supervision of a public officer;
- e) Fire set for the purpose of instructing personnel in firefighting;
- f) Fire set for prevention and control of disease or pests;
- g) Prescribed controlled fire for the conservation and management of unique and natural areas and/or for the reduction of fuel loads;
- h) Fire used as a management technique for preventing wildfires. Scientific research, or vegetation management;
- i) All fires shall be attended to at all time by a responsible adult with a readily available means of extinguishing the fire;
- j) Fire must be extinguished thoroughly with no smoldering;
- k) No burning is allowed during a Fire Ban Emergency, as proclaimed by Monroe County Emergency Management or Tunkhannock Township Board of Supervisors.

Every contained fire or controlled burn shall be built in and confined to a non-combustible container covered with a screen of ½ inch or smaller mesh, or with other suitable non-combustible cover, and shall not be permitted closer than twenty-five (25) feet from any building.

BURNING PERMIT

A permit to kindle or maintain such open fire or other fires. The permit shall be issued, for the Board of Supervisors, by the Township designated person. A Burning Permit is required for all burning to occur at any time other than those specified above.

UNLAWFUL SUBSTANCES

1. Burning of construction debris, aerosol cans, by-products of manufacturing and processing operations and wastes from commercial operations is strictly prohibited.
2. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit or encourage the burning of any substance determined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States Environmental Protection Agency to be a "hazardous substance"; nor shall any fire be permitted to by any persons if such burning is in violation of the Air Pollution Control Act or other legislation by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States of America or any of their legislative agencies.
3. Fires shall be used only to burn readily combustible material.

FIRE BAN EMERGENCY

The Board of Supervisors may declare a fire ban emergency in Tunkhannock Township with or without consultation with the fire chiefs of the volunteer fire companies operating within the Township during period of drought, other periods of high fire risk to woodlands or property within Tunkhannock Township. Upon the Board of Supervisors declaring a fire ban emergency, all outdoor burning or fires shall be prohibited until the ban is lifted by the Board of Supervisors. The Township shall publish a notice of the fire ban emergency at least once in a local newspaper of general circulation. In addition, the Township may issue news release to all communication media, including radio, television, and newspapers.