

# Whitemarsh Township Fire Marshal's Office Open Burning Reference Sheet

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- Yard debris and trash shall **NOT** be burned, including leaves.
- Open burning is prohibited when the weather is deemed hazardous, or a “Red Flag” day
- Permits are required for bonfires
- The Fire Marshal, fire officers, and police officers can order any open burn extinguished if they deem it unsafe or a nuisance
- Open burning shall be **50 feet** from structures and combustibles with the following exceptions
  - Open burning with a burn pile **3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height** can be **25 feet** from structures and combustibles
  - Open burning in approved containers, such as listed manufactured fire pits from home improvement stores, can be **15 feet** from structures and combustibles
  - Burn barrels or other homemade containers are **NOT** allowed
- All open burning **MUST CONSTANTLY** be attended by an adult and have a means to extinguish it; such as a garden hose, bucket of water, loose sand/dirt, or 5 lb fire extinguisher

***If you have any questions in regards to open burning,  
please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 484-594-2614***

