



## BONFIRES AND RECREATIONAL FIRES

**General.** A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with the following:

1. **Permit required.** A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official for a **bonfire**. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.
2. **Prohibited burning.** Burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The fire 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. **The burning of municipal waste, leaf waste, yard waste, or recyclable materials that are required to be separated and collected by the Township is unlawful and a violation of the Code of Caln Township. (See ordinance No. 2004-19)**
3. **Bonfires.** *The size of a bonfire shall be limited to five (5) feet wide by five (5) feet long by five (5) feet in height.* A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
4. **Recreational fires.** *The size of a recreational fire shall be limited to two (2) feet wide by two (2) feet long by Two (2) feet in height.* Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. **A recreational fire is limited to commercially manufactured containers listed for that express purpose.**
5. **Attendance.** 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 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.
6. The Township Fire Department, Police Department or Fire Marshal reserve the right to have Bonfires and Recreational Fires extinguished at any time due to atmospheric conditions or valid resident concerns based upon public safety.