

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BURN PERMITS**

**EFFECTIVE: September 13, 2007**

The adopted Township Fire Prevention Code prohibits outdoor, open fires for the burning of refuse and other materials. Fires for the disposal of agricultural or silvicultural waste products (provided the property is in excess of ten (10) acres of land) are allowed with a permit. New permit applications must be made seven days in advance of the burning date in order that a site inspection can be conducted and that the appropriate Fire Company can be notified. Permits will not be issued more than thirty (30) days in advance of the burning date. Persons holding permits should be alert to bans on burning due to hazardous atmospheric conditions. Persons holding permits should exercise extreme caution when burning to prevent spread of the fire beyond the burning site. Burning is permitted during daylight hours only. Burning is **not** permitted on the following days: New Year's, Easter, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This includes the observed day, if the holiday falls on a weekend. There is no charge for the permit. Permits will be issued for a period not to exceed 12 months.

## **PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A BURN PERMIT**

### ***NEW PERMITS:***

1. Applications may be picked up at the office of the Township Police Department in the Township Building, 1775 Welsh Road.
2. Complete the application form.
3. Applicants will be provided with a copy of the Burning Ordinance and the International Fire Code on open flames and burning.
4. The completed application will be forwarded to the Chief of Fire Services to schedule a site inspection.
5. At the time of the inspection, if the permit is approved, the permit will be issued on-site.

### ***PERMIT RENEWALS:***

1. Apply for a renewal of the existing permit at the office of the Township Police Department in the Township Building, 1775 Welsh Road.
2. Complete the application form.
3. If the burn site was inspected less than one year ago, the renewal will be issued at that time. If the burn site has not been inspected in the past twelve (12) months, the application will be forwarded to the Chief of Fire Services to schedule a site inspection.
4. At the time of the inspection, if the permit is approved, the permit will be issued on site.

**PERMITS MAY BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AT ANY TIME FOR CAUSE.**

***For copies of our Burn Ordinances and regulations you can go to our web site at [www.cumrutownship.org](http://www.cumrutownship.org) or contact the Office at 610-777-1343.***

**Scott R. Brady, Chief of Fire Services**