

CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP – BERKS COUNTY

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**OPEN BURNING PROCEDURES FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS,  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARTICLE #3 OF THE BOCA  
NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE (1990)**

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- A- When a township resident wishes to dispose of landscaping waste by burning or;
- B- When a township farmer wishes to dispose of agricultural waste by burning or;
- C- When a township farmer wishes to increase, maintain, or improve the quantity or quality of his production by burning a range or field or;
- D- When a burn takes place for the purpose of Fire Company training;

**THE PERSON MUST CONTACT THE CHESTER COUNTY  
FIRE BOARD AT 610-286-5929 TO REPORT THE TIME  
AND LOCATION OF THE CONTROLLED BURN  
ACTIVITY.**

- A- The burn must take place at least fifty feet (50') from any buildings or structures.
- B- The burn may not be used to dispose of any refuse, trash, municipal solid waste, tires, paint, or pesticide containers or plastic containers of any type. Only silvicultural wastes may be burned. **INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL BURNING IS PROHIBITED FOR ANY REASON.**
- C- The burn must be attended to at all times until fully extinguished.
- D- Fire extinguishing and control equipment must be present and operable at all times that the burn is active.
- E- The local Fire Departments have the right to extinguish the burn due to weather conditions.
- F- Open burning will be prohibited when it becomes objectionable or offensive due to smoke or odor omissions or due to atmospheric conditions or local circumstances that make the burn a hazard.
- G- This policy shall not be construed to supercede any local, state, or federal regulations or laws that may also apply to burning.

**Any questions concerning these procedures should be referred  
to the Fire Marshal, Keith Romig, at 610-286-1006**