# East Fallowfield Township

# Recreational Open Burning Permit Application

Open burning is only permitted for recreational purposes under the regulations specified in this permit and in accordance with Township Ordinance 2022-04. By signing this permit application, the applicant acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to all conditions herein.

Any fire that is deemed by the fire code official to be: hazardous, offensive or objectionable due to smoke, odor, local conditions or weather (such as excessive heat or wind), can be ordered extinguished.

## Recreational Fires

1. A recreational fire is an outdoor fire utilized for recreational purposes, such as a campfire. It must be contained in a fire pit, fire ring, chimenea, outdoor fireplace, or similar device designed or constructed to contain the fire.
2. The permit holder must at least 18 years of age and own the property where the fire will be maintained.
3. The permit holder is responsible for the fire from ignition to extinguishment, including any damage caused by the fire.
4. Natural gas or propane heating devices, fire rings, and grills, as well as charcoal barbeque grilles, smokers and similar devices designed for the purpose of preparing or cooking food do not require a permit.
5. No fire is permitted within 10 feet of the property line, 50 feet from any structure, or within 15 feet of any combustible material. Provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure or 15 feet of any combustible material.
6. The fire shall not be more than three (3) feet by three (3) feet in dimension.
7. The fire must be tended at all times and shall not burn longer than four (4) hours.
8. Fuel shall be seasoned wood ignited with a small quantity of paper or kindling. Accelerants such as gasoline may not be used.
9. A garden hose, water supply, or means of extinguishment must be available.
10. The fire shall not be used for waste disposal purposes as outlined in the provisions of Pennsylvania Act 101.

## Pennsylvania Act 101

It shall be unlawful for any person to open burn any material, including the following at any time on any land within East Fallowfield Township:

1. Any items or materials that are required to be recycled in East Fallowfield Township under Pennsylvania Act 101 including; paper, newspaper, tin and aluminum cans and containers, glass of any color, plastics, and any other material designated by the Township.
2. Trash, garbage, and municipal waste.
3. Construction or demolition debris.
4. Cleaners, solvents, paints, motor oil, fuels, gasoline and any other similar product.
5. Household appliances, debris, or any other similar items.
6. Leaf waste and any other material prohibited by the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101 of 1988, as amended) may not be burned. Leaf waste includes leaves, garden residues, shrubbery, tree trimmings and similar materials.

**Enforcement**

1. The East Fallowfield Township Police Department, Fire Marshal or other code enforcement personnel designated by the Board of Supervisors have authority to investigate alleged violations and enforce the provisions of this permit.
2. Any person who violates or commits the violation of any provision of this permit shall be subject to a fine in the amount not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000.00), plus all court costs. In addition, the Township, through its solicitor, may institute injunctive, mandamus or any other appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity for the enforcement of this permit.
3. Township personnel are authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of any and all open burning which in their opinion creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

## IMPORTANT – READ BEFORE SIGNING

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all the regulations of this permit. I agree that this permit is being obtained for the purpose specified and not to dispose of trash, waste, debris, or other prohibited items.

This permit is valid for one calendar year (January 1 – December 31), unless otherwise specified below.

**Applicant:**

Name _____ Email _____

Property Address _____

Phone Number _____ Date _____

Signature _____

**East Fallowfield Township:**

Issued by _____ Date of Issue _____

☐ $10 Paid cash / check

Permit Effective Dates _____