
***Bath Charter Township Fire Department
Burning Barrel Permit Application***

Two (2) plus acres in agricultural/rural areas

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Property Owner)

Name: _____
(Renter)

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Location of burning barrel for inspection:

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Denied: _____ Date: _____

Reason: _____

Bath Charter Township Fire Chief

The following ordinance sections apply when issuing a Burning Barrel Permit under this application:

308.7 Domestic Fires (Burning Barrels).

308.7.1 Domestic fires. Domestic fires shall be contained within a burning barrel.

308.7.2 Construction. Burning barrels shall be constructed of steel. Burning barrels must have drainage and vent opening in the bottom or at the bottom edge of the barrel. Vent holes must also be placed around the center of the barrel. The opening at the top of the barrel must be covered with an approved spark arrestor, with openings no larger than three-fourths (3/4) of an inch.

308.7.3 Burning Barrels. Burning barrels must be no less than fifteen (15) feet from any structure and from any property line and away from low hanging trees. Burning

barrels must be mounted on cement blocks or by some other means sufficient to raise the barrel off the ground approximately six (6) inches.

308.7.4 Maintenance. Burning barrels shall be maintained in good condition at all times.

308.7.5 Attendance. A competent adult will be responsible for the burning barrel and must be present at the residence during the entire burn and remain until it is completely extinguished.

308.7.6 Material Restrictions. Materials authorized for burning inside burning barrels are limited to paper, cardboard, leaves and/or small branches and limbs.

308.7.7 Time and Atmospheric Restrictions. Domestic burning must be done between the hours of sunrise and sunset. All fires must be completely extinguished by sunset.

308.7.8 Discontinuance. The Fire Code Official is authorized to require that burning in the barrel be immediately discontinued if the Fire Code Official determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the barrel is determined by the Fire Code Official to constitute a hazardous condition.

308.7.9 Inspection Required. Before a permit is issued, the Fire Code Official shall inspect and approve the burning barrel and its location. Permits shall be valid for two (2) years from date of issuance or renewal. Burning barrels shall be subject to periodic inspection as determined by the Fire Code Official.

308.7.10 Domestic Fires Prohibited in Certain Zones; Exceptions; Pre-existing License. Use of a domestic fire (burning barrel fire) is prohibited in all zoning districts within the Township except:

- a) On parcels of two (2) acres or more located within the Rural (R) zone and,
- b) For burning barrels licensed prior to June 30, 2010 and continuously licensed thereafter by the same licensee for the same location.

The foregoing notwithstanding, open burning and the use of domestic fires shall be limited to combustible material generated on the premises where such burning is to take place.

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE FIRE CALL 911

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