

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Property Owner Only)**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other people authorized to request an Open Burning Permit under this application:

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No permit will be issued for the above property unless requested by an authorized person. ***This application is good thru March 31, 2013.*** No fire shall be set when a high wind is blowing. An adequate fire line shall be made around the area to be burned and a force of people, sufficient to control the fire, shall be on hand at the time of burning. The property owner shall be liable for all damage to property or personal injury which may result from burning done under this application and subsequent permit(s).  
***THE APPLICANT MUST BE THE PROPERTY OWNER.***

  
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Bath Charter Township Fire Chief

***BE FIRE SAFE - RULES LISTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION.  
RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.***

I have received, read & understand the Burning Permit Ordinances for Bath Charter Township attached to this annual application. I agree to abide by all rules as written.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following ordinance sections apply when issuing an Open Burning Permit under this application:

**307.2.2 Prohibited Open Burning.** Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. Open burning of rubbish containing paper products, garbage, solid waste, rubber or other petroleum based products (including tires), building material, roofing material, electrical wiring, human or animal feces, animal carcasses, plastics, lawn clippings and lake vegetation shall be prohibited. Burning on muck is 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.

**307.2.3 Inspection.** Before a permit may be issued, the Fire Code Official may inspect and approve the receptacle, material and location to be used. In instances where laws or regulations are enforceable by a department other than the Fire Department, joint approval shall be obtained from all departments concerned. In any event, all burn piles larger than five feet by five feet by three feet (5 x 5 x 3 feet) in size or the burning of fields must be inspected by the Fire Code Official before any burning may commence.

**307.2.4 Permit Activation.** In addition to the requirements of Section 105, "Permits," all persons must contact the Fire Department Burning Permit Line at 641-6619 to activate their permit. Please provide your permit number and the date you want to start burning when calling. Permits will be activated for a period of three (3) days at a time.

**307.2.5 Location.** The location for open burning shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

**307.5 Attendance.** Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one (1) 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.

Exceptions:

1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than fifteen (15) feet from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be twenty-five (25) feet where the pile size is three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height.

All other burning must be approved by the Fire Chief or his designated.

**308.3.1.2 Time, Atmosphere and Locations Restrictions.**

- a. Open burning shall be permitted in all areas zoned Rural (R) on parcels greater than two (2) acres at any time during the calendar year with a permit.
- b. Open burning of yard waste (except lawn clippings) shall be allowed by permit in Rural (R) zoned parcels of two (2) acres or less and all residential zoned district within the Township from October 1 through April 30. Such burning shall be prohibited at all other times, except that the Fire Chief, at his/her discretion, may extend each of the designated time periods for open burning of yard waste for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

***Burning Permit Rules for Bath Charter Township***

1. All burning must be done during daylight hours. The fire must be completely out before dark.
2. Fires must be in an area away from tall grass, trees, shrubs, etc.
3. Fires must be a safe distance from all buildings. A safe distance is determined by the weather conditions and the material to be burned. EXAMPLE: Cardboard gives off firebrands (sparks) that can carry in the wind for a long distance.
4. If, after you have received your permit and before you start burning there is a significant increase of wind velocity (10 mph and above) all permits are voided.
5. If your fire should get out of control, please call 911 immediately.

***THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE ONLY FOR BRUSH AND VEGETATION  
PRODUCED BY YOUR PROPERTY.***