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Application for a Bonfire Permit

The Uniform Fire Code States:

“Permits shall be required, and obtained from the local enforcing agency for the activities specified in this section, except where they are an integral part of a process or activity by reason of which a use is required to be registered and regulated as a life hazard use. Permits shall at all times be kept in the premises designated therein and shall at all times be subject to inspection by the fire official.”
[N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)]

Rules and regulations pertaining to open burning, recreational fires and portable outdoor fire places, are obtained from the *International Fire Code 2015, New Jersey Edition Section 307*

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant applying for permit: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Phone # of contact: _____

Email of person in charge: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Date & Time of event: _____

Organization Name: _____

Location where Bonfire will take place: _____

Purpose of Bonfire: _____

Nature & Quantity of material being burned: _____

What on-site fire protection will be on location during the event: _____

If event is to occur on property belonging to someone other than the applicant or their organization, written and signed authorization must accompany this application. **NO** verbal authorization will be accepted.

I understand that a Fee of \$54.00 is to accompany this permit application

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application, and accompanying rules and regulations page, that the information given is correct, and that I am the owner, or duly authorized to act in the owner's behalf and as such hereby agree to comply with the applicable requirements of the fire code as well as any specific conditions imposed by the Fire Official.

Applicant Signature

Fire Official Signature

Fee Amount

Permit Type

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**Rules and Regulations
For
Open burning, recreational fires, and portable outdoor fireplaces**

Rules and regulations pertaining to open burning, recreational fires and portable outdoor fire places, are obtained from the *International Fire Code 2015, New Jersey Edition Section 307*

307.1 General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained, any *Open burning* unless conducted and *approved* in accordance with Sections 307.1.1 through 307.5

307.1.1 Prohibited open burning. Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Exception: Forest Fire Service In districts for which Forest Fire Wardens have been appointed in accordance with the General Forest Fire Act (N.J.S.A. 13:9-44.1et seq.), any fire within, or adjacent to, any forest that has the potential to cause a wildfire is prohibited by this subchapter, without first obtaining a permit from the State Forest Fire Service in the New Jersey department of Environmental Protection.

307.2 Allowable burning. Open burning shall be allowed without prior notification to the Fire Official for recreational fires, highway safety flares, smudge pots and similar occupational needs.

307.2.1 Approval required. Open burning shall be allowed after obtaining a permit from the Fire Official for a bonfire. All permits shall be requested by and issued to the owner or agent of the land where the bonfire is to be kindled.

307.2.1.1 Application. Applications for open burning shall be submitted in writing at least (10) days before the fire is set and shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the Fire Official. Such applications shall contain, as a minimum, information regarding the purpose of the proposed burning, the nature and quantities of material to be burned, the date when such burning will take place, the location of the burning site and the on-site fire extinguishing equipment to be provided.

307.2.1.2 Agricultural burning permitted. The burning of herbaceous or infested plant life, the burning of orchard prunings and cuttings, prescribed burnings and the clearing of agricultural land by burning are prohibited by this subchapter, unless in accordance with a permit issued under the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-2, administered by the State Forest Fire Service in the Department of Environmental Protection.

307.2.2 Waste disposal. Open burning shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, shall be of minimum size for the intended purpose, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contamination.

307.3 Extinguishment authority. Where open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit has not been obtained, the *Fire Code Official* is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.

307.4 Location. The location for *open burning* shall be not less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) of any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:

1. Fires in *approved* containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7629 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

307.4.1 Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4.1.1 Bonfire size and duration. A bonfire shall not be more than 5 feet (1524 mm) by 5 feet (1524 mm) in dimension and shall not burn longer than 3 hours. The maximum size and duration of a bonfire shall not be increased by the Fire Official unless it is determined that the fire safety requirements of the situation and the desirable duration of burn warrant the increase.

307.4.1.2 Material. Fuel for a bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.

307.4.2 Recreational fires. *Recreational fires* shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that such fires are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from any structure.

307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two family *dwelling*s.

307.5 Attendance. *Open burning*, bonfires, *recreational fires* and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section906 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.

If you need to contact the State Fire Warden, below is their contact information.

New Jersey Forest Fire Contact Information:

Phone: 609-625-1121

Address: 5555 Atlantic Avenue, Mayslanding, N.J. 08330-2000

Website: njwildfire.org

State permit applications are available by phone or through the website.