

# OPEN BURNING AND FIRE SAFETY COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION

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## KENNETT TOWNSHIP OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES

Pennsylvania's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) mandates recycling in municipalities with populations between 5,000-10,000. Kennett Township's current population is 8,742.

Kennett Township has initiated a mandatory curbside-recycling program in accordance with Ordinance No. 178 adopted December 15, 2008, as required by Act 101. Included in the State Mandate is yard waste, since it can be recycled as compost.

**THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH KENNETT TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 178, IT IS UNLAWFUL AND PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO BURN TRASH, LEAF WASTE, OR GRASS CLIPPINGS.**

Trash haulers are expected to provide three (3) curbside yard waste pickups a year. Check with your trash hauler for their specific requirements for yard waste pick-up.

Additionally, residents can take their yard waste to the Township Recycling Center at 557 Bayard Road. The Recycling Center is open Monday to Saturday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, and on Sundays from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please note that yard waste disposal at the Recycling Center is for residents only. Landscape contractors may not dump yard waste at the Recycling Center.

**Exceptions will be restricted to agricultural businesses and recreational and ceremonial fires.**

1. **Mushroom Growers** wishing to burn must first complete a Burning Application. Applications can be obtained at the Kennett Township office, 801 Burrows Run Road, Chadds Ford, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday thru Friday. The Notification is valid for a period of 90 days at no cost to the applicant. The Township Fire Marshal will be notified of your intent to burn and will approve the Notification request. Only bed boards from the mushroom houses can be burned. **Under no circumstances can trash, leaf waste or grass clippings be burned at any time.**
2. **Recreational and Ceremonial Fires will be permitted.** A recreational fire is an outdoor fire which is used to cook food for human consumption. A ceremonial fire is an open fire used in conjunction with a recognized ceremony of a community, educational, service or scouting organization. Fires shall not be more than 5 feet wide x 5 feet high nor burn for more than three (3) hours. The Notification is valid for a one time burn and at no cost to the applicant. The Township Fire Marshal will be notified of your intent to burn and will approve the Notification request.

Any fire on public or private property may be extinguished by the local Fire Company having jurisdiction, either with or without the consent of the landowner or person in charge if such fire constitutes a danger to persons or property.

This Burning Notification will become automatically void when conditions warrant an EMERGENCY BURNING BAN due to DROUGHT CONDITIONS. Such announcement to Kennett Township residents may be by oral notification during a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors, in writing, published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township, announced on the Township website, [www.kennett.pa.us](http://www.kennett.pa.us), or in another manner which fairly communicates such notice to the Township property owners.

Persons found violating any of these guidelines may be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00.

**KENNETT TOWNSHIP  
OPEN BURNING AND FIRE SAFETY COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION**

APPLICATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Notification is hereby made for open burning.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Location of Burning: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Burning: \_\_\_\_\_

Date or Period of Burning: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**IT IS UNLAWFUL AND PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO BURN TRASH, LEAF WASTE, OR GRASS CLIPPINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH KENNETT TOWNSHIP RECYCLING ORDINANCE NO. 178, ADOPTED DECEMBER 15, 2008.**

The applicant hereby acknowledges the following conditions of this application:

1. That the Fire Marshal has been informed of the site for the proposed burning.
2. That compliance with Township Ordinance No. 181, adopted by the Board of Supervisors at their public meeting on April 20, 2009, regarding nuisances to neighboring property (smoke, odors, etc.) will be carefully observed.
3. Mushroom Growers are only **permitted to burn Bed Boards.**
4. **THAT THE FOLLOWING FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MET:**
  - a. Fire will be attended at all times.
  - b. Burning will be limited to daylight hours. Fires will be extinguished before dark. Fires shall not burn longer than 3 hours.
  - c. Burning will be limited to a cleared area 25 feet in diameter and at least 50 feet from any building.
  - d. A water supply hose will be provided to cover 20 feet beyond the fire location, when practical.
  - e. Notify the **CHESTER COUNTY FIRE BOARD by calling 610-436-4700** before each burning.
  - f. Applicant agrees that the Fire Company can extinguish burning at any time they deem necessary.

SITE APPROVED

BY FIRE MARSHAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Fire Marshal  
Applicant