

BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE

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SMALL OPEN BURN PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Property Owner Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Type of Device:

- Fire pit**
- Portable fire pit**
- Chiminea**
- Outdoor fireplace**
- Permanent grill/barbeque**
- Drum**
- Other** _____

Location on Property: _____

- Proximity to Nearest Structure: >=15ft**
- Property Line: >=15ft**
- Proximity to Road: >=15ft**
- Utility: >=15ft**
- Proximity to Combustible Materials: >=15ft**

I, the undersigned, authorize open burning on the mentioned property. I agree to comply with all open burning requirements as stated in the Bellevue Open Burning Ordinance.

Property Owner Signature: _____

The Bellevue Fire Marshal reserves the right to revoke permits and/or impose monetary penalties on any party violating the open burning regulations. The Bellevue Fire Marshal reserves the right to order any open burning be extinguished. The Fire Marshal may temporarily disallow open burning due to local circumstances, such as extremely dry conditions or any other unforeseen conditions.

Borough Official Information

Permit #: _____ **Date Inspected:** _____

Fire Marshal: _____ **Date Approved:** _____

Received Owner Approval: YES **NO**

SUMMARY OF OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

- **Permitted Locations for Open Fires:** Fire pits, rings, and all other receptacles must be **at least 15 feet** from nearest house, structure, road, property line, utility, tree or other combustible materials.
 - Exception: While in use, grills, barbeques and fireplaces used strictly for cooking may be **no less than 5 feet** from house, property lines, etc., (unless otherwise approved by the Fire Marshal). NOTE: NO permit required for portable grills!!
 - Exception: You may use a patio heater or other specially manufactured above-ground patio fire pit, fire table, chiminea, or similar patio device on a deck or patio if the device is designed and recommended for use in those locations by the manufacturer. Patio fire receptacles must be at least 5 feet from house while in use, (unless otherwise approved by the Fire Marshal).

- **One-Time Permit required for Open Fire/Fire Pit Locations**

Call Fire Marshal @ 412-766-7455 to arrange for a free site inspection and issuance of a permit for the proposed fire pit and location. This is a free, one-time inspection, and open-ended permit. Once you receive a permit, it shall remain valid indefinitely for the location and device so long as the Ordinance remains in effect, and you will NOT have to notify the Borough or obtain a new permit each time you wish to have a small open fire.

-NOTE: NO permit required for portable grills!!

- **Permitted Burning Materials:** No material other than clean wood, propane, or natural gas may be burned except for: commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs or wood pellets. Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters may be used in order to start a fire. Charcoal may be used in an outdoor fireplace or grill only for the purpose of cooking.
- **Prohibited Burning Materials (including but not limited to the following):** Absolutely NO treated wood, fresh cut limbs, leaves, green yard waste, paper, cardboard, plastic, garbage, construction waste, oil/rubber/petroleum-based products, or any other material that tends to cause excessive odor or smoke.
- **Maximum Size of Fire:** fire pit, ring or other receptacle no more than **3' wide x 3' long x 2' high**, and the pit/fire burn area within the containment area should be a **minimum of 18" deep** (from bottom of hole/pit/device to top of hole/pit/device or to the top of any surrounding stones/ring, etc., with flames maintained no higher than 2 feet above the hole, pit, ring or other receptacle.
- **No Excessive Smoke, Odors Or Emissions:** Smoke and odors shall be considered excessive if they contribute more than a negligible amount of air contaminants perceptible beyond your property line.
- **No Burning on Air Action Quality Days:** when Allegheny County issues an Air Action Quality Day, no person shall conduct any burning of any sort on their property.
- **Constant Adult Supervision:** Adult supervision is required at all times until fire has been completely extinguished. Adult property owner is presumed to be responsible for assuring that all burning on their property complies with the Ordinance. (You should also keep a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby.)
- **Police, Fire Marshal, or Code Officer are Authorized to Order Fires to be Extinguished:** The Police Officer, Fire Marshal, or Code Officer may order immediate extinguishment of any unauthorized or excessive fires or when wind or other weather conditions so warrant.
- **Fines for Violators:** A maximum fine of \$1,000.00 may be imposed, at the discretion of the District Justice or Court, for unlawful/excessive fires, or failure to comply with an Order to Cease and Desist duly issued by the Police Officer, Fire Marshal, or Code Officer.