



Bedminster Township Fire Prevention
One Miller Lane, Bedminster, NJ 07921
908 212-7000 Ext. 427

OPEN BURN & RECREATIONAL FIRE REQUIREMENTS

New Jersey State Forest Fire Permit- **MUST BE OBTAINED FIRST**

Bedminster Township Fire Safety Permit

OPEN BURN NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

24 Hour Prior to Burning (with approximate dates and times of burning)

New Jersey Forest Service Dispatch 973 786-6350

Somerset County Emergency Services Dispatch 908 526-2500

ALL CALLS MUST BE MADE FOR EACH DAY OF BURNING

RECREATIONAL FIRES DO NOT REQUIRE NOTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FOREST FIRE SERVICE

APPLICATION FOR OPEN BURNING PERMIT - NJAC 7:27-2.1 ET SEQ.

TYPE OF PERMIT REQUESTED (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX)

☐ INFESTED PLANT LIFE ☐ HERBACEOUS ☐ ORCHARD PRUNINGS ☐ AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING

A	1. FULL NAME (BUSINESS) _____
	2. MAILING ADDRESS _____
	3. PHONE NO. _____ BEST TIME TO CONTACT _____

B	MUNICIPAL RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN BURNING
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN _____

C	INFESTED PLANT LIFE ONLY
	NATURE OF INFESTATION WITH SCIENTIFIC NAME _____

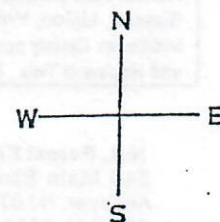
C	I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PLANT LIFE DESCRIBED HEREIN IS INFESTED _____
	SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENT _____

AUTHORIZED AGENT: RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE OR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL OFFICE

D	HERBACEOUS PLANT LIFE; ORCHARD PRUNINGS AND CULLINGS; AND AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING AND HEDGEROW REMOVAL
	THIS TYPE OF PERMIT MAY ONLY BE ISSUED FOR <u>COMMERCIAL FARMING AND/OR RELATED AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS.</u>
	TYPE OF COMMERCIAL FARMING OPERATION: _____ TOTAL FARM ACREAGE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> RAISING FOOD CROPS <input type="checkbox"/> RAISING SALT HAY <input type="checkbox"/> ORNAMENTALS (NURSERY) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN) _____

E	<u>AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING ONLY:</u> _____ TOTAL ACREAGE TO BE CLEARED _____
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F	1. LOCATION OF BURNING: COUNTY _____ TOWNSHIP _____
	2. SKETCH EXACT AREA WHERE BURNING IS TO BE CONDUCTED, INDICATING DIRECTIONS AND DISTANCE TO NEAREST ROAD, INTERSECTIONS, STRUCTURES, ACCESS ROADS AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.



G	I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. _____
	DATE OF APPLICATION _____ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

SEE REVERSE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

FEES: Applications for open burning permits pursuant to the provisions of NJAC 7:27-2.1 et seq. shall be accompanied by a service fee in accordance with the following schedule and no permit will be issued until the appropriate fee is received by check or money order payable to the "New Jersey Forest Fire Service". The amount received will indicate the term of permit desired. Upon a finding of ineligibility, checks will be returned. However, any misrepresentation or use of permit for other than stated purpose will result in the cancellation of permit and forfeiture of application fee.

1) INFESTED PLANT LIFE*	30 DAYS OR LESS	\$10.00
2) HERBACEOUS PLANT LIFE	7 DAYS OR LESS	\$10.00
	TO 90 DAYS	\$25.00
	TO 1 YEAR	\$50.00
3) ORCHARD PRUNINGS AND CULLINGS	7 DAYS OR LESS	\$10.00
	TO 90 DAYS	\$25.00
	TO 1 YEAR	\$50.00
4) AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING AND HEDGEROW REMOVAL**	90 DAYS OR LESS	\$25.00 MINIMUM PLUS \$1.00/ACRE TO \$50.00 MAXIMUM. (e.g. 10 acres \$25.00 + \$1.00/acre = \$35.00 fee)

* INFESTED PLANT LIFE - Certification by authorized agent in Section C required:

AGRICULTURAL LAND CLEARING AND HEDGEROW REMOVAL** - In addition to fee, a NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT is required, declaring that land cleared as a result of open burning will remain in agriculture for a period of 5 years following expiration date of permit. Violation of this provision subjects the offender to a fine up to \$2,500 per day. There is a maximum allowable clearing of 25 acres per year. Only one Agricultural Permit may be issued per calendar year. Land clearing by open burning will not be permitted near or within sensitive air quality regions because of mandates of the Federal Clean Air Act (within 4 miles of Brigantine Wildlife Refuge and Metropolitan North Jersey). Please check with appropriate division office concerning extent of these areas.

All categories of permit are subject to inspection by the Forest Fire Service to determine eligibility.

Submit original with required fee to appropriate division office:

DIVISION A

COVERING Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren Counties, Middlesex County north of the Raritan River, and Hopewell Twp., Mercer County

N.J. Forest Fire Service
240 Main Street
Andover, NJ 07821
973-786-6350

DIVISION B

COVERING Burlington, Monmouth, Ocean Counties, Middlesex County south of the Raritan River and Mercer Co. except Hopewell Twp.

N.J. Forest Fire Service
P.O. Box 239
New Lisbon, NJ 08064
Phone: (609) 726-9010

DIVISION C

COVERING Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem and Camden Counties

N.J. Forest Fire Service
5555 Atlantic Ave.
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
Phone: (609) 625-1121

Any violation of the open burning laws or conditions of this permit could result in forfeiture of the permit and/or possible fines up to \$5000.00. You are responsible for any damage or costs from an escaped fire.

Check for restrictions and air quality at: www.njwildfire.org

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

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 dwellings.

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 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.

SECTION 307 OPEN BURNING, RECREATIONAL FIRES AND PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

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. 13:9-44.1 et 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 upon which the bonfire is to be kindled.

307.2.1.1 Application. Applications for open burning shall be submitted in writing at least ten 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 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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

307.3 Extinguishment authority. Where open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning 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) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240 mm) 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 (7620 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) 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.



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**FIRE
PERMIT APPLICATION**
AS PER ORDINANCE 2017-02

TYPE: 1 ☒ **2** ☐ **3** ☐ **4** ☐

ORGANIZATION TYPE: ☐ **FOR PROFIT** ☐ **NON-PROFIT**

LOCATION INFORMATION

Name:	Address/City/State/Zip
Municipality:	County:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Address/City/State/Zip	
Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (if different from applicant information)

Name:	Address/City/State/Zip	
Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:

~~TYPE 1: \$54.00/EA TYPE 2: \$214.00/EA TYPE 3: \$427.00/EA TYPE 4: \$641.00/EA~~

Permit requested for following date(s): _____

Permit requested on an annual basis – Expiration Date: _____

NOTE: Attach additional signed sheet if space is insufficient

The above named applicant hereby requests permission to conduct the following activity at the above location:

I hereby acknowledge that the information given is correct and agree to comply with the applicable requirements of the fire code as well as any specific conditions imposed and if not, this permit may be revoked and will be subject to penalties as provided by law.

Applicant's Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP"

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY – LEA 1807-001

FIRE PERMIT: [] Conditions Imposed [] Denied [] Approved [] Approved pending payment of Fee \$ _____

Comment: _____ PERMIT # _____

FIRE OFFICIAL: _____ DATE: _____