



## BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE

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# APPLICATION FOR BONFIRE/CAMP FIRE PERMIT

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of fire: \_\_\_\_\_  
New Jersey DEP (Forest Fire Service) Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(copy must be attached to this application)

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

Description:

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application, 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 New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (2006 edition) and Bernardsville Borough Ordinance 15-17, as well as any specific conditions imposed by the Fire Marshal.

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

Fee: \$50.00  
Payment Method:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name (printed)

**BONFIRE/CAMP FIRE REGULATIONS**

1. A bonfire or camp fire made directly on the ground shall only be allowed after obtaining permits from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service and the Bernardsville Fire Prevention Bureau.
2. The Fire Marshal may prohibit burning that is offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions. The Fire Marshal shall order the extinguishment of any open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.
3. The location for any open burning shall not be less than 25 feet from any structure, combustible vegetation or combustible items, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 25 feet of any structure, combustible vegetation or combustible items.
4. 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. **Fuel for a bonfire shall consist *only* of seasoned dry firewood** and shall be ignited by a small quantity of paper or other methods approved by the Fire Marshal.
5. The permit-holder shall constantly attend any open burning until such fire is extinguished. At least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or two portable fire extinguishers with a 2-A rating each shall be in the possession of the attendant for the duration of the fire. Alternatively, the Fire Marshal may approve an alternate readily-available water source.
6. A bonfire or camp fire shall not be more than 3' x 3' x 3' in dimension and shall not burn longer than the time specified on the permit. Flame height shall not exceed two (2) feet. If sparks, embers or sustained smoke blow into a neighboring dwelling or property, the fire must be extinguished immediately.
7. Persons attending the bonfire or campfire shall be a safe distance away from the fire and small children shall not be allowed within 10 feet of the fire without parental supervision.
8. A bonfire or camp fire shall not contain rubbish, garbage, trash, any material made of or coated with rubber, plastic, leather or petroleum-based materials and shall not contain any flammable or combustible liquids.
9. Any violation of these regulations or any unsafe condition that is created will result in the immediate extinguishment of any fire.
10. **Wildfire Danger Level:** Regardless of whether a permit has been issued, no open burning of any kind shall take place when the New Jersey Forest Fire Service has issued a Fire Danger Warning of High, Very High or Extreme, or if the National Weather Service has issued a "Red Flag" warning. It shall be the responsibility of the permit-holder to ascertain the current Wildfire Danger Level, or the existence of a Red Flag warning, prior to initiating a fire.