

**Warwick Township**  
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**APPLICATION FOR A RECREATIONAL/CEREMONIAL BONFIRE**  
as provided under Section 260-26.D.(7) of the Code of Ordinances

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicant is not the Owner, have you been authorized to make this application? \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Owner if not the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Bonfire event: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: From: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm To: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

**\*\*Only seasoned wood and pallets are permitted to be burned in a bonfire. Construction debris, recyclable materials and household garbage or rubbish are not permitted to be burned.**

**SPECIFICATIONS:**

- Bonfires for organized recreational or ceremonial purposes are permitted. The property owner must receive approval from Warwick Township at least three (3) days prior to the event. Only one approval will be granted per location within a 12-month period.
- Bonfires must be located at least 100 feet from all structures, road rights-of-way and streams, and at least 100 feet from all property lines. Bonfires may not exceed ten (10) feet in diameter and six (6) feet in height.
- Bonfires must be kept under constant supervision by a responsible adult during the burning activity, and at the end of the burning activity the fire shall be completely extinguished. All fires must be extinguished by 11 p.m.
- A garden hose or a portable extinguisher, with a minimum of a 4-A rating must be present, operational and ready for use by a competent individual to prevent unintended fire spread.
- No burning of any kind shall be permitted during the period of a drought warning or drought emergency, declared by the DEP or Lancaster County for Lancaster County.
- Even with a signed permit, if the wind speed is greater than 10 mph per the National Weather Service, using the Lancaster Airport for current conditions, the fire cannot be lit; or if it is already burning, it must be extinguished.
- Upon request of a local Fire or Police Officer, the signed permit must be presented for review. The WESC Fire Commissioner, Warwick Township Code Official, Local Volunteer Fire Company Officer, or a Police Officer is authorized to order the extinguishment of any burning which creates or adds to the hazardous or objectionable situation or if no signed permit is presented upon request.

*I hereby authorize the designated Warwick Township official to contact the appropriate emergency services organizations in conjunction with this application for a bonfire. All Applicants granted authorization to hold a bonfire are expected to exercise care in protecting against any property damage. All damages will be the responsibility of the Applicant. The Applicant shall supervise activities to prevent disorderly conduct at any time, and until the bonfire is extinguished. Only appropriate uses will be permitted. The Applicant shall be responsible for any special needs. No safety violations are permitted.*

*Warwick Township will not be liable or responsible to any person or persons engaging in the bonfire, or any person or persons attending, or entering or leaving the premises. It being understood that the requesting organization assumes all responsibility and liability for accidents or injuries which may occur or any claim which may arise and does further hold harmless Warwick Township, its agents or employees from any and all claims whatsoever that may arise from this event.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**Review by WESC Fire Commissioner:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Review by Police Chief:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date