## **North Penn Volunteer Fire Company**

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## **SUMMER SAFETY - JUNE 14, 2022**

We have come to the time of year where Borough Residents like to spend time outside around a firepit or by a BBQ grill. We would like to touch on key points from the Borough Open Burning Ordinance.

Open Buring in the Borough - Open burning in the Borough is covered by Chapter 101 of the Borough Ordinances.

No burning of solid waste, recyclable materials or leaf waste.

Open burning is allowed for the purpose of the Fire Company to instruct personnel.

With proper notification in advance to the Borough Manager, open burning is allowed for agricultural commodities on the premises of a farm operation.

Burning of coal or small-contained fires for the purpose of cooking or preparing food for human consumption is allowed with restrictions. The cooking unit cannot be within 15 feet of any combustible material. Cooking units are not allowed on balconies or porches of apartment units exceeding 1 story. Cooking must be done in a safe manner.

With proper notification in advance to the Borough Manager, recreational or ceremonial burning is allowed. These types of burns must be done safely, with direct supervision of an adult until the burning is completely extinguished.

With chimeneas and outdoor tables designed with fire pits are permitted when used for their intended purpose. Wood may not be treated. Screen covers must be used. These units must be 15 feet from any building or structure.

Burning in an outdoor fireplace that was permitted and built with code and zoning approvals is allowed if done so in a safe manner.

**Times of No Burning** - There are times when no burning may be conducted, excluding burning for cooking. Such as during strong winds, drought or hazardous air quality conditions. Permitted burning will also be cancelled during these times.

Anytime burning is determined to be hazardous to the health or welfare of the Borough Residents, it shall be extinguished, including embers.

For more detailed information, check out the Borough Chapter 101 Ordinance: Burning, Open.

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