

## **Open Burning Regulations for West Manheim Township**

- No burning of any liquid or solid form of petroleum products (Carpet, Siding, Shingles, etc)

### **Times and Conditions When Outdoor Fires are Permitted:**

**No person, firm, partnership, or corporation shall set, start, maintain, or permit any fire anywhere within the Township except as follows:**

- **Open fires may be set in the performance of an official duty of any public officer if the fire is necessary:**
  - ✓ The prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated by other means.
  - ✓ The protection of public health.
- **Outside burning shall be permitted in any approved container covered with wire mesh located least twenty-five (25) feet from any structure or building and a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from any dwelling; provided:**
  - ✓ Leaves, branches, and other non-decayable vegetable matter only are burned.
  - ✓ There is no practical available alternative method for disposal of the material to be burned.
  - ✓ No hazardous or other objectionable condition will be created by burning.
  - ✓ No such burning is allowed on any street or sidewalk within West Manheim Township.
  - ✓ Outside burning shall be permitted between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 o'clock p.m. Monday through Saturday. At no other times is burning permitted.

### **Exclusion for Burning in an Approved Container:**

Excluded from the Township Ordinance shall be the agricultural burning of fence rows, trees, stumps, and other agricultural related items but, this exclusion shall not extend to those items which include garbage, refuse, rubbish, and trade waste.

### **Persons To Be Present During Burning:**

All burning as permitted hereunder must be attended by a person of at least sixteen (16) years of age or older who must, except for short absences, attend said fire, burning, smoking, or smoldering until said burning is totally extinguished.

### **Penalties for Violation:**

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate this part shall be subject to the following penalties:

- Action brought forth before District Justice enforcing fines of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 plus costs

In default of payment of such fines and costs, such person, firm, or corporation shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days.

### **Declaration Against Fire Ban:**

In the event that the County Fire Marshall declares a ban on burning, the Township of West Manheim will adhere to the ban; the Board of Supervisors shall issue any exemptions in writing at their discretion.