

BONFIRE PERMIT REGULATIONS

SCOPE: This document details the City of Allentown Fire Code requirements for ceremonial bonfires. Permit is contingent upon the compliance to the following conditions.

1. **A Fire Department pumper** is required to stand-by unless a special exemption is approved in advance by the Fire Prevention Office. Ignition of the bonfire may proceed after a Permit has been granted, and after an on-site inspection by a Fire Official.
2. **Size and pile shape** to be checked and approved by a Fire Official prior to ignition. **Size may not exceed 500 cubic feet (approx. 8' x 8' x 8')** unless a **Fire Safety study is performed and approved. Pile must be constructed so as not to present a collapse hazard.**
3. **Only dry wood** shall be used. No garbage, rubbish, trash, rubber, plastic, leather or petroleum-based material shall be used.
4. **Location of fire** to be not less than fifty feet (50') from any structure.
5. **Flammable liquids** shall not be used to ignite fire. Tinder to be paper, thin wood, or other approved non-hazardous material.
6. **No material** is to be added after the fire is ignited, unless specifically approved by on-scene Fire Officials.
7. **Security** shall be provided in the form of security personnel and/or restraint lines to prevent observers from being injured by flying embers or a bonfire pile collapse.
8. **The person to whom authorization was granted**, or his / her representative, shall remain until the fire is totally extinguished.
9. **Note:** The Fire Official has the authority to postpone the bonfire under adverse conditions such as heavy wind or dry conditions.
10. **Notify** the Department of Fire Prevention of any changes that may arise. If no one is available at the Office of Fire Prevention (610-437-7758), call the Central Fire Station (610-437-7747) or the Allentown Communications Center (610-437-7751).



BONFIRE PERMIT APPLICATION

Name of Sponsoring Organization: _____

Address of Sponsoring Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

If the sponsor of the fire is not the owner, you must have permission to use the property.

Owner of Property where the fire will be held: _____

Address of Owner: _____

Person granting permission: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Event: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Exact location of Event: (deed address or street address, along with location on the property)

Name of person in charge of the Event: _____

Phone: _____

Cost of Permit: \$175.00 for a 1 hour burn time bonfire
 \$250.00 for a 2 hour burn time bonfire
 Make checks payable to "City of Allentown".

It is important to contact the Fire Prevention Office for pre-lighting inspection and the exact time the bonfire is to be lighted. The bonfire will be permitted to burn for the allotted time and then extinguished.

Permit contingent upon compliance with all Bonfire Regulations

Office Use Only

Permit Number:
Amount Received:
Date Received:

Allentown Fire Prevention
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Allentown, PA 18101