



Dover Township Volunteer Fire Department

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To: Residents & Visitors of Dover Township

From: Nathan M. Baker – Fire Chief

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Subject: Temporary 30-Day Burn Ban

Effective today, June 2nd, 2023, Dover Township will be placed under a 30-Day Burn Ban due to dryer than normal temperatures, and no significant rain fall being forecast.

This ban will include all “Controlled Burns” that would normally require a Burn Permit. All issued Burn Permits are temporarily suspended.

The only open burning that will be permitted in the Township for the next 30 days will be the following. “Outdoor Recreational Fires” will still be permitted at this time as long as the Dover Township, Outdoor Burning Ordinance, is followed. See below.

“Dover Township, Chapter 7 Fire Prevention & Fire Protection

Part 2 – Outdoor Burning – Section 7-203. Exemptions.

E. An outdoor recreational fire is permitted in any zoning district when contained or enclosed within an approved appliance built or manufactured for that purpose (for example: fire bowls, fire rings, chimaneas, and stone fireplaces). All such appliances must be located a sufficient distance from any structure so as not to create a nuisance from smoke leaving the property or a fire safety hazard from flying embers or ash, and shall be supervised at all times. Failure to adhere to these requirements shall require the recreational fire to be extinguished immediately. Only sticks and unfinished wood may be burned in these appliances. A burn permit is not required under this subsection, but any recreational fire larger than two feet square must be approved by the Fire Chief, or his or her deputy, and must comply with § [7-202](#) (4) and (5).”

Should weather conditions improve prior to July 2, 2023, the Temporary 30- Day Burn Ban may be lifted.

Respectfully submitted,

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