



Charlestown Township

Office of Emergency Management
P.O. Box 507
Devault, PA 19432 610-240-0326

Application for Field Fire for Agricultural Purposes Permit

NOTE: This permit is not valid until signed by the Fire Marshal

Date of Application: _____

Permittee Information:

Name _____
Address _____
City State Zip _____ Phone _____

Location of Field Fire:

Owner Name _____
Address _____
City State Zip _____

Fire Date _____ Alternate Date(s) _____

I agree to abide by the provisions of the applicable laws and ordinances regarding field fires for agricultural purposes. I understand that this permit, when issued, is not transferable, and any change of circumstances must be reported to the Fire Marshal. I further understand that this permit is valid only for the date(s) above and may be revoked at any time.

Permittee Signature _____ Date _____

Office Use Only

Date Received _____ / _____ / _____ Permit Number _____

Special limitations, conditions, restrictions: _____

Permit issued by:

Fire Marshal _____ Date _____



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Authority: Charlestown Township Ordinance 100-2002, Section 4:

- a) It shall be unlawful to cause, allow, permit, kindle, ignite or maintain any bonfire, junk fire, rubbish fire, open fire, salvage operations fire used to salvage or reclaim any product or material (including but not limited to metals or chemicals), or other open fire on any public or private street or road, public property, or private property within the limits of Charlestown Township; except the following:
 - iv) Field fires for agricultural purposes.
- b) All fires permitted by Section 4a) above must comply with the following requirements:
 - ii) A responsible individual equipped to extinguish the fire shall be present at all times and shall properly extinguish the fire if an emergency arises, if it is deemed to be a nuisance by the Fire Marshal, Fire Chief, Police department or Municipal Official and at the conclusion of the fire;
 - iii) All fires shall be a minimum distance of thirty feet (30') from any dwelling or structure and thirty feet (30') from any property line;
 - iv) The Chester County 911 center shall be notified prior to kindling or igniting any permitted fire under Section 4.a.i, ii, or iv and again at its conclusion. The telephone numbers to be used are 610-644-1224, 610-933-8966 or 610-436-4704;
 - vi) All fires may be prohibited by the Fire Marshal when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous to health or property, when such prohibition is imposed by Chester County or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or when deemed necessary due to prolonged dry weather;
 - vii) Field fires to clear land for agricultural purposes may be set only by permit issued by the Fire Marshal at times and under circumstances and regulations determined by the Fire Marshal. Provided however, field fires may not be kindled, ignited or maintained before sunrise or after sunset prevailing time as determined by the weather bureau;

Required Information:

- Date – Date this form is completed
Permittee Information – Name, address and telephone number of applicant
Location of Field Fire – Property owner name and address where the actual field fire is to be held
Fire Date – Date of fire and alternate date(s) if necessary
Permittee Signature – Permittee agrees to be bound to all applicable provisions of Township, County and Commonwealth regulations pertaining to field fires for agricultural purposes.

The permit application must be submitted to the Charlestown Township office, P.O. Box 507, Devault, PA 19432-0507 at least one week prior to the scheduled field fire. Permit application submission does not automatically guarantee approval.