



West Manchester Township Fire and Emergency Service

General Guidelines for Recreational Fires and the use of Chimeneas or Factory Built Novelty Stoves

- Recreational fires are permitted while using a chimenea or factory built novelty stove. Homemade fire pits or stoves are NOT permitted for use.
- A recreational fire may be used on a private single family dwelling lot. Use at a townhome, condominium, or apartment is NOT permitted.
- All recreational fires shall be attended at all times by a responsible adult.
- All recreational fires must be extinguished by 10:00 pm on weeknights (Sunday to Thursday) and by 12:00 midnight on weekend nights (Friday and Saturday). No open burning is permitted prior to sunrise on the following day.
- The chimenea or stove must be on a noncombustible surface – brick, stone, or concrete. Bare ground is permitted if void of dry grass or other combustible ground cover.
- All recreational fires shall be a minimum of 15 feet from any structure including decks, sheds, or fences.
- Only cured firewood, charcoal, natural gas, or propane gas may be used.
- Yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, or garden waste may NOT be burned.
- Smoke from a recreational fire may not create a hazard or nuisance. If smoke does pose a hazard or nuisance, the recreational fire shall be extinguished and the privilege suspended.
- Any questions may be referred to the West Manchester Twp. Fire Department, Fire Chief Dave Nichols at 792-3505.