

CHIMENEA'S VERSUS OPEN BURNING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Can I open burn in my back yard?

A: No, open burning is illegal in Falls Township.

Q: Is a fire pit considered open burning?

A: Yes, a ground fire pit is not permitted.

Q: Are chimenea's legal?

A: Yes, they are legal, provided you only burn what they are intended for, i.e. fire wood, not leaves, plywood, or trash.

Q: Do I have to be present while burning my chimenea?

A: Yes, these chimenea's are intended for recreation and **MUST** be attended to at all times.

Q: If the neighbors complain about the smoke, must I extinguish it?

A: If your fire becomes a nuisance to those neighbors around you and complaints are filed, you will have to extinguish your fire.

These are some thoughts to consider. While some people enjoy having a fire in their backyard during the summer, please be cognizant of your neighbors and their quality of life. While you may like the smell and look of a fire, some people are very sensitive to smoke due to allergies or health conditions. Please keep your fire small and limit the amount of smoke that it creates. Don't forget that most people will have their windows open for fresh air in the summer and don't want to be smoked out. Please be a good neighbor so others can enjoy the summer also.

If you are having a problem with your neighbor's chimenea, sometimes just a friendly neighbor-to-neighbor conversation may be all that's needed to make them aware of your concern or complaint. If this doesn't work, you can call the police on their non-emergency phone number and they will go speak with your neighbor.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Enjoy the summer!

Regards,

Rich Dippolito, Fire Marshal