



Safety and Code Enforcement
Department

Fire Marshal
Open/Outdoor Burning Variance Application
(Please print or type)

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BURN DATE
(Applications received less than 14 days prior will be denied)

Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Property Owner: _____ Phone: _____

(If not applicant)

Address of Burning: _____

Type of Special Event: _____

Event Date: _____ Time-From: _____ Until: _____

(4-hour maximum)

Description of Burn Area: _____

Special Instructions

- **MUST notify the Montgomery County Emergency Dispatch Center at 1-800-352-1800 before starting and after extinguishing the fire.**
- All burning must be in accordance with Ordinance #238-6 (Outdoor Burning).
- Fires must be located a minimum of 25 feet from all structures, vehicles, fuel/propane tanks, and property lines.
- The burn area must not exceed 4 feet by 4 feet in diameter.
- The fire must be attended at all times by a responsible adult.
- A working garden hose or other approved extinguishing devise must be readily available at the burn area.
- All burning activities must be conducted safely. The fire marshal, a police officer or their duly authorized representatives shall have the authority to order the fire extinguished due to unsafe activities or hazardous weather conditions.

This variance permit can/will be revoked if the special instructions are not followed.

(Do not write below this line)

Date Application Received: _____ [] Approved [] Denied

Reason for Denial: _____

Reviewed/Issued By: _____ Date: _____ PERMIT #: _____

§ 238-6 Hatfield Township Open/Outdoor Burning Restrictions

A. Unlawful acts. No owner or person shall cause, allow, permit or maintain outdoor burning, except as otherwise provided herein, of:

- (1) Garbage, litter, junk and debris.
- (2) Household, business or industrial trash or similar waste products of any kind or nature.
- (3) Leaves, brush, grass and similar organic matter.
- (4) Any and all construction and/or demolition debris, including that resulting from land clearing for development on a street, creek bed or right-of-way in the Township of Hatfield, or on a public or private property, whether in connection with any building operation in an open dump or otherwise, except as otherwise permitted by this article.
- (5) Recyclable materials.

B.

(Reserved)

C. Variance.

(1) The Fire Marshal shall have the authority to grant a variance from the provisions of this article for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) To prevent or abate a fire hazard.
- (b) For the purposes of instructing personnel in fire-fighting techniques and exhibitions.
- (c) For prevention and control of disease and pests.
- (d) For fires set solely for recreational and ceremonial purposes, provided that permits for such a fire shall be limited to four (4) four-hour permits per 12-month period.
- (e) Campfires used for cooking food for human consumption, provided that a permit for such a fire shall be limited to one (1) four-hour permit per 12-month period.

(2) Requests for variances shall be made in writing to the Hatfield Township Fire Marshal on forms provided by the Township.

D. Agricultural. Burning shall be permitted in connection with the production of agricultural commodities in their unmanufactured state on the premises of a farm operation in accordance with the provisions of Section F of this section.

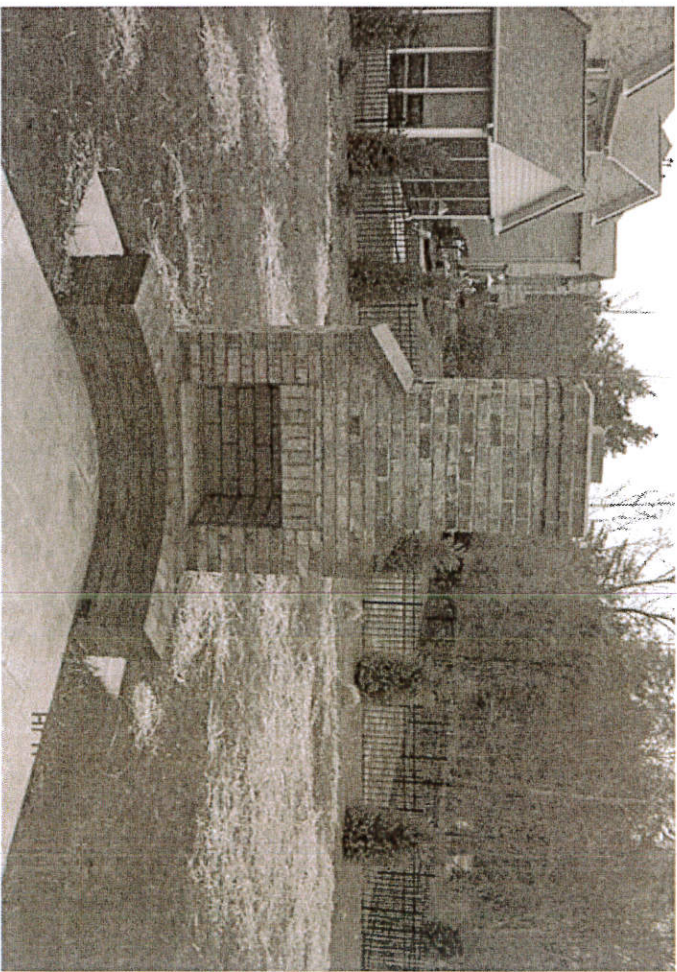
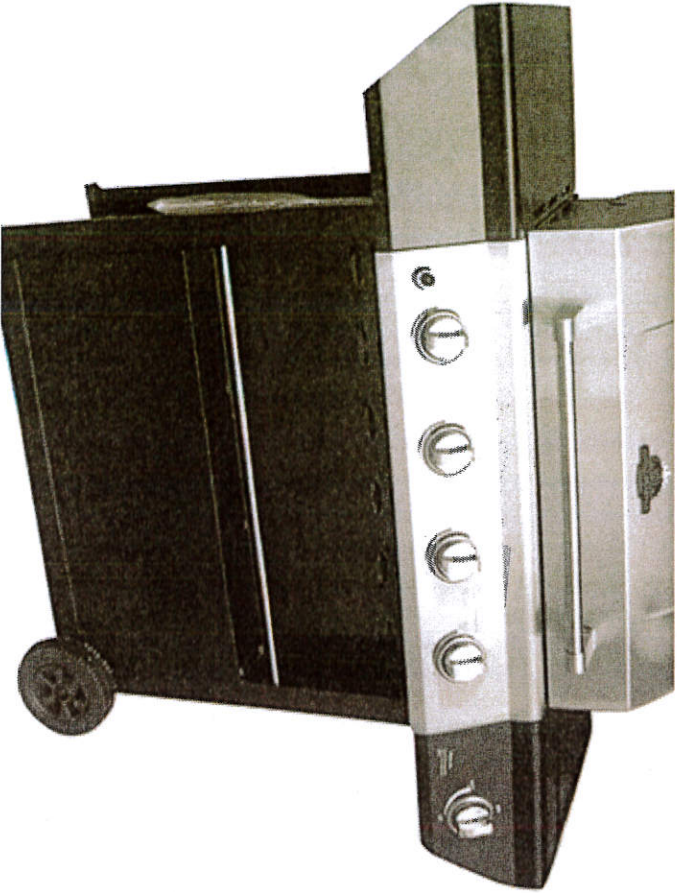
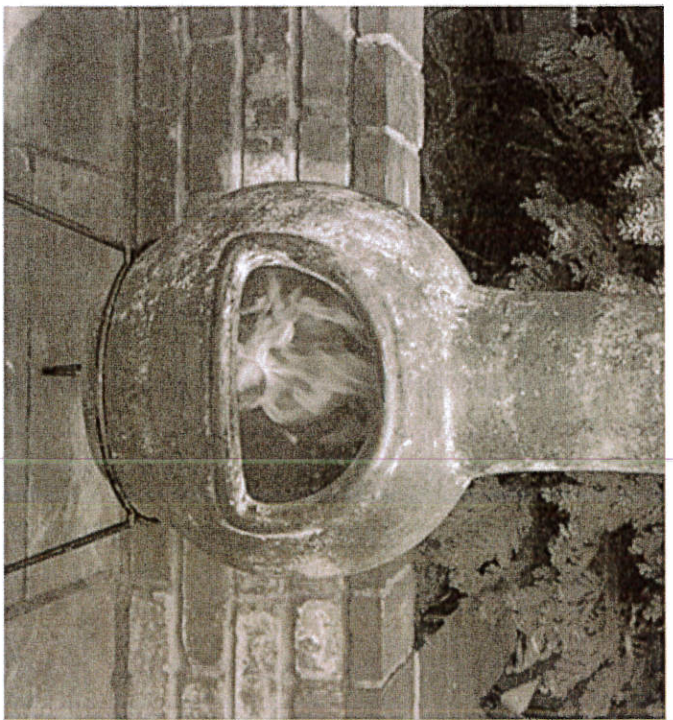
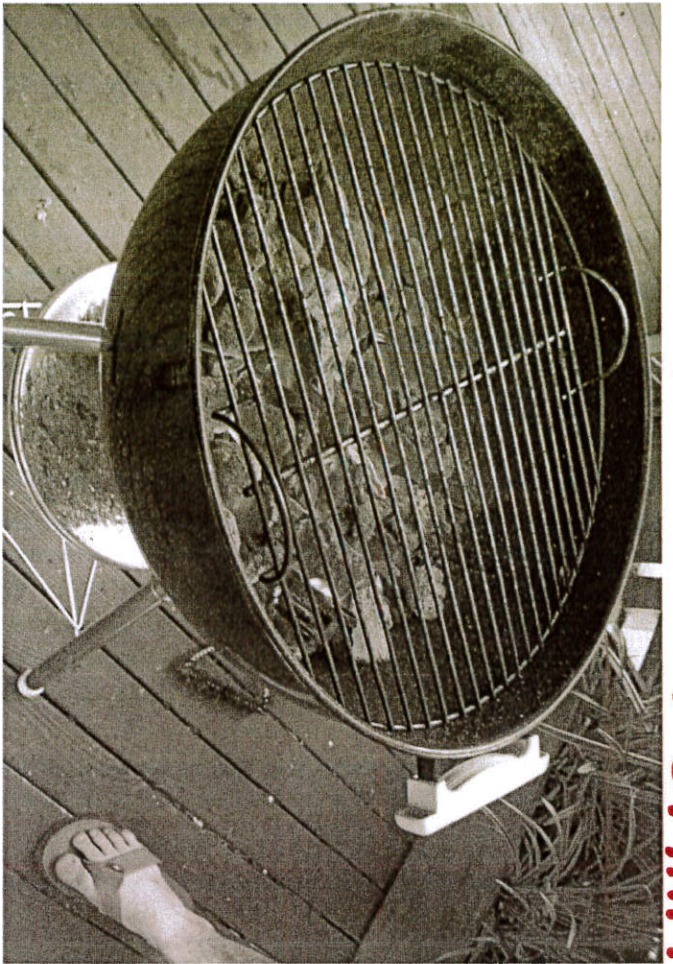
E. Commercially manufactured fire pits, chimineas, open flame cooking appliances and similar devices, as well as outdoor fireplaces may be used only pursuant to the following conditions:

- (1) All conditions set forth in Section A shall be met.
- (2) Such use shall not, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, a police officer or their duly authorized representatives, pose a health or safety risk to persons or property.
- (3) Such use shall be used in strict accordance with manufactures' instructions and recommendations.
- (4) Such use may be used year round.

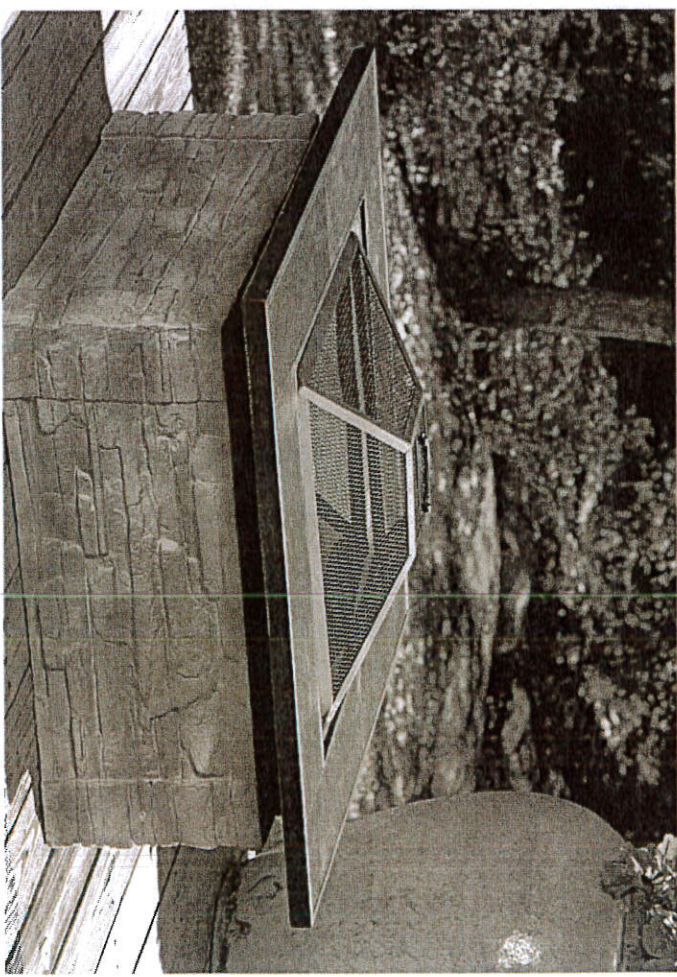
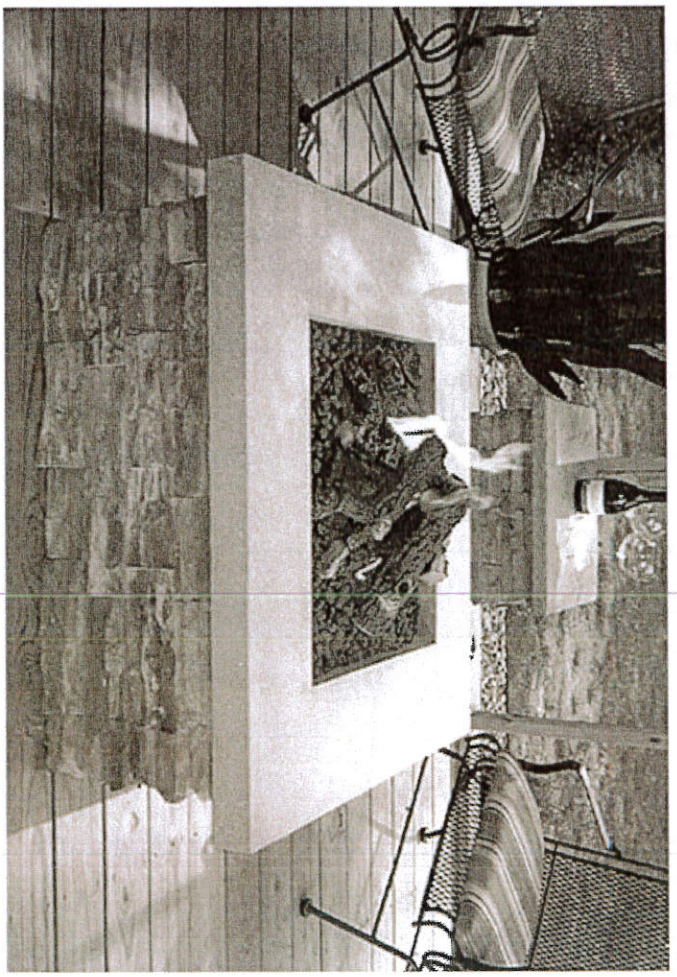
F. Prohibitions

- (1) No burning shall be permitted during periods of high winds, drought or weather inversion (i.e, hazardous air quality conditions) or any other condition deemed hazardous by a Fire Marshal, a police officer or their duly authorized representatives. In such instances, any of the above personnel shall have the authority to order the fire extinguished.
- (2) The use of gasoline, kerosene or other flammable or combustible liquids to start a fire is prohibited.

Permitted



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Not Permitted, Except By Variance

