

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICE

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OUTDOOR FURNACE BURNING REGULATIONS

In an effort to prevent any problems with wood burning furnaces, Covington Township expects all users to comply with the following:

- ▶ The only substance that can be burned in an outdoor wood fired burner furnace is clean wood. Clean wood is defined as wood that does not have paint, stains or other coatings and wood that has not been treated with other substances such as creosote, arsenic, etc.

- ▶ No person shall burn any of the following in an outdoor furnace:
 - Any wood not meeting the definition of clean wood
 - Tires or materials containing rubber
 - Lawn clippings or yard waste
 - Rubbish or garbage
 - Materials containing paint
 - Waste petroleum products
 - Paint and paint thinners
 - Cardboard
 - Particle board
 - Animal carcasses
 - Used cooking oils

- ▶ The outdoor wood fired burner shall at all times be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers specifications.

- ▶ The outdoor wood burner shall be maintained and operated in compliance with all state and local requirements.

The Air Pollution Control Act of Pennsylvania defines pollution as a discharge from chimneys, open fires, vehicles, etc. of smoke, soot, fly ash, dust, cinders and noxious and obnoxious acids, fumes, vapors, odors or hazardous substances or any other matter which may adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare or which may be injurious to human, plant or animal life or to property or which interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

The Board of Supervisors has appointed a Code Enforcement Officer to work with the Township Solicitor, to enforce burning regulations under the Nuisance Ordinance which includes the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act.

Outdoor Furnaces (continued).....

Violators of the Covington Township Nuisance Ordinance shall upon judgment thereof by any district judge, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 per day of violation together with the costs of the suit and/or shall be committed to Lackawanna County Prison for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Keep in mind that the operation of the outdoor furnaces cannot be injurious to human, plant or animal life not can it interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.