

Facts about **BACKYARD BURNING** in Rose Valley

For health and safety's sake, open fires are permitted ONLY:

- to burn dry twigs, sticks, branches or logs (*NO LEAVES OR TRASH*)
- if attended continuously by a responsible person until fully extinguished
- with an ample water supply (hose or buckets) ready for immediate use
- at least 20 feet from any building
- at least 15 feet from any property line (unless prior permission is obtained from the adjacent property owner)

SMOKE IS HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH

Be courteous to your neighbors—if low-lying smoke drifts into anyone else's yard or home, *put the fire out immediately.*

In view of the health and safety risks of burning and the benefits of composting, consider:

- [composting](#) leaves & grass clippings
- chipping fallen branches into mulch or constructing [brush piles for wildlife](#)

If you burn woody debris, do it only under safe weather conditions:

- *Temperature*—between 40°F & 70°F
- *Relative humidity*—between 40% & 60%
- *Maximum wind speed*—between 3 mph & 12 mph
- *Ventilation rate*—at least 8,000
- *Dispersion*—must be “GOOD” or better

A forecast of these conditions is given daily by the National Weather Service at:

→ [FIRE FORECAST FOR SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA](#)

→ [GRAPHICAL FORECAST OF FIRE CONDITIONS IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA](#)