

Upper Makefield Township
Department of Planning & Zoning

Outdoor Fire Pit

General Information

Provide a diagram of the proposed location of the fire pit and submit a diagram to the Planning & Zoning Department. Include measurements of the fire pit in relation to buildings, property lines, overhead wires, trees or any combustible materials in the area.

- The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (15 feet for gas fueled) where the pit size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
- Installations shall be made of bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal or other suitable non-combustible components with enclosed sides, a minimum height of 18” from ground level and a maximum width of 36 inches.
- A spark arrestor mesh screen with a maximum opening of ½” expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks shall be provided for over the fire for all fire pits which are not gas fueled.
- Only clean fuel shall be used (clean, dry wood or charcoal.) Refuse or waste materials shall not be burned as this will create dense smoke or offensive odors.
- Gas installations shall require manufacture’s specifications including UL# of the appliance to be submitted with permit application.
- Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment (dirt, sand, garden hose, etc.) shall be available for immediate utilization.

Required Forms and Submissions

- Zoning Use and Occupancy Permit Application**
- Insurance.** Upper Makefield Township must be listed as “Certificate Holder” on a current Certificate of Insurance for all contractors, electricians and/or plumbers.
- PA Contractor Registration Certificate.** Please submit a copy of the contractor’s PA Contractor Registration Certificate.

All Township forms can be found at the following link:

<https://uppermakefield.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/permits-applications/>

Applications and supporting documents can be submitted via email to CodeOffice@uppermakefield.org