

Fire Weather Reminder

It's that time of year when the weather can be unpredictable, and fire can break out at any time. A fire needs three (3) things: fuel, oxygen and heat. On a warm spring evening or a hot summer's day, when the brush and grass become dry from all the rain, we have had over the past couple of months this can create peak conditions for fires. Something as small as a spark from a train wheel can ignite a raging wildfire. Sometimes, fires occur naturally, ignited by heat from the sun or a lightning strike. However, most wildfires are because of human carelessness such as arson, campfires, discarding lit cigarettes, not burning debris properly, playing with matches, fireworks and even power lines being blown over by strong winds.

Preventing Brush Fires– 1. Always keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children and properly instruct them on fire safety. 2. If you are a smoker, avoid tossing cigarettes out the window and always place butts in an appropriate container. 3. If you are working with machinery that generates sparks, try and do the work indoors instead of outside. 4. If you notice anyone behaving suspiciously or attempting to start a malicious fire, contact the local law enforcement as quickly as possible. 5. If you do witness an arson attempt, take note of the person's appearance and what they are driving. Because of the dangerous nature of fire, the law usually levies heavy penalties on people who commit arson, including possible jail time and large fines.

Open Burning in London Grove Township– No person shall ignite, cause, feed, permit or maintain any open fire for the destruction of solid waste or recyclables designated by Ordinance 211 – 2012 International Fire Code, Section 307, on any property under his/her control.

Free Brush Permit for Township Residents–By filling out a Brush Disposal Permit, Township residents are able to dump their brush directly at SECCRA Landfill during their normal business hours. This is free of charge offered to residents only. Brush Disposal permits are available at the Township Office, please bring Photo ID with proof of residency, permits will be issued each calendar year.

Contact Information– Contact Fire Marshal, Robert Weer, rweer@londongrove.org, at London Grove Township Building regarding any questions, concerns, rules or regulations pertaining to burning.

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