

LEMONT TOWNSHIP

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTY

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I. Applicability

This policy, known as the “Rules and Regulations for the Use of Open Space Property” (hereinafter “Rules and Regulations”), applies to all properties owned or leased by Lemont Township pursuant to the Lemont Township Open Space Plan, and to any other property deemed recreational property by action of the Township from time to time (hereinafter referred to as “Open Space Property” or “Open Space Properties”).

II. Hours of Operation

Open Space Properties shall be open from dawn to dusk. Occupation, use or entry upon any Open Space Property, outside of the timeframe as set forth in this Section II, is considered trespassing and violators of this Section II are subject to penalty pursuant to Section VI of these Rules and Regulations.

III. Unlawful Activities Designated

- 1) It is unlawful for any individual person, corporation, partnership, business trust, association or other user of the Open Space Properties to partake in the below activities on the Open Space Properties:
 - a) camping
 - b) operation of unauthorized vehicles on trails, with the exception of licensed vehicles on designated driveways
 - c) consumption of alcohol or possession of open containers of alcohol
 - d) allowing unleashed pets or any horses
 - e) building forts or shelters
 - f) hunting or the use of any firearms or use of bow and arrow

IV. Exempt Activities

Areas designated by Lemont Township for purposes of grilling or picnicking may be used for those purposes. Hot coals must be placed in designated pits.

V. Damage to Open Space Property

No person shall cut, break, climb on, or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub, plant, turf, or any of the buildings, fences, bridges, lamps, posts, signs or other structures or property in the Open Space Properties. All persons shall remain on designated paths or roads and shall not tamper with, injure or destroy vegetation.

VI. Violation – Penalty

Violators of these Rules and Regulations shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.