

Welcome to Franklin Township

We are so pleased that you chose Franklin Township to make your home. Following is a list of things that the Township offers you as a resident, along with some significant phone numbers and answers to commonly asked questions about trash, bonfires, noise ordinances, and agriculture.

Here at the Township, our amazing Road Crew plows the streets in the winter, adding salt to keep the roads safe and picking up brush; call it in once you have put it in manageable bundles and placed it at the curb.

If neighbors need to take care of their yards and the grass is growing too high, call us; we take care of that too!

Our incredible Firefighters offer residents smoke detectors (when available), and they will even come in and install them for you! You will quickly learn here in the Township that our Firefighters and EMS come second to none when there is an emergency.

Our incredible Police Officers are on the streets in the Township every day, handling scary situations, keeping the peace, catching bad guys, and stopping speeders. They work diligently to keep our Township safe and to keep a close and good rapport with the community.

Township Phone Number:

Office: 614-279-9411. This number offers many options to help get you to the correct Department.

Administrative Assistant: Ext. 0

We hold Township meetings every other Thursday, beginning at 12:00 pm.

Facebook: [facebook.com/FranklinTownshipGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinTownshipGovernment)

Website: www.Franklin-TownshipOhio.Gov

Residential Fire Information

Residential Waste Fires are permitted as follows:

- Plant matter includes tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, and crop residues.
- One, two, or three-family residences such as wood or paper products generate waste.
- The fire must be more than 1,000 feet from the neighbor's inhabited building.
- Request permission from Ohio EPA if the pile is greater than 10ft x 10ft. This may take two weeks.

Information on the PROPER way to have an outside fire:

Campfires and Cookout fires: (No notification to the EPA is required outside of City limits)

- Wood stacks no more significant than two ft. high x 3 ft. wide.
- Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent.
- Any open burning shall be attended to the entire time and shall not last more than 3 hours.
- Fires shall not be within 50' of any structure. OFC 307.4.1 For more information on Open Burning, see <http://www.epa.ohio.gov>

Although the Township does not issue the penalties, the Ohio EPA has strict penalties if they get involved with open burning complaints. The penalty could result in an "Unclassified Felony" charge and up to a \$25,000.00 fine.

Also, the Road Department will pick up your brush for free! You can call the Township to schedule a pick-up. Please have all brush at the end of the yard, by the street, for easy pick-up.

Noise Ordinance

In a single-family house: no noise or sound should be audible at a distance of one hundred feet or more from the property from which the noise emanates.

In a multifamily unit, no noise or sound should be able to be audible at a distance of twenty-five feet beyond the property line of the residential team from which the sound emanates.

Examples: Horns, radios, yelling, musical instruments, power equipment (after 10:00 pm until 7:00 am) but excluding generators used during power outages or other related emergencies, dog kennels, and firearms or explosives. If a noise is being made that falls into this category and fits the requirements of being "too loud," please call 614-525-3333, and have an Officer dispatched to the address where the noise is being made.

Residential Trash Haulers in Franklin County, Ohio

All Around Hauling And Dumpsters

469 Columbian Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43223
614-870-7447

Adept Properties LLC

1313 Harmon Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43223
614-443-7110

Cumberland Rubbish

3790 Potomac St.
Groveport, Ohio 43125
614-836-1464

Local Waste Services

1300 S. Columbus Airport Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43207
614-409-9375

Republic Services

1515 Harmon Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43223
614-308-3000

Rumpke Waste Removal And Recycling

1191 Fields Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43201
614-291-4139

Regulation of Agriculture

Must have zoning compliance that specifically identifies such use in compliance with the requirements of section 115.08 from Franklin County Zoning: 614-525-3094

Prohibited Poultry: No person shall keep roosters, geese, peafowl, or turkeys on lots smaller than 5 acres.

Allowed Densities: When poultry and rabbits are kept on a parcel smaller than 5 acres, the method for determining the permitted number of animals shall be as follows: each (1) chicken, duck, or rabbit shall count as (1) point. It shall be unlawful

to keep more animals than the point system below allows:

- 1) Smaller than 0.5 acres – 4 points maximum
- 2) 0.5 acres to less than 1.0 acres – 8 points maximum
- 3) 1.0 acres to less than 2.5 acres – 16 points maximum
- 4) 2.5 acres to 5.0 acres – 24 points maximum

If you would like a copy of the actual Regulation of Agriculture, please stop by the office

Do you have questions but need help finding the answers? Below are some commonly asked questions and their answers

1. You would like to request a copy of body camera footage-
 - a. Follow this link to submit the request- Each copy is \$5. So, if two officers were at the scene, 2 copies-\$10, you can send a check or pay over the phone (there is a 3% processing fee when using a Credit Card). It is recommended to email nrandazzio@franklin-township.com before making your request so that we can confirm how many video copies there will be.
<https://franklin-townshipohio.gov/ftpd/requestbwc/>
2. Need to file an accident report?
 - a. you can print it from the website <https://franklin-townshipohio.gov/ftpd/accidentreport/> and deliver it to our offices at 2193 Frank Rd- Or you can email it to nrandazzio@franklin-township.com
3. Need to file a criminal report?
 - a. You can submit one on the website or in person- <https://franklin-townshipohio.gov/ftpd/crimereporting/>

****Please remember that accident reports taken by an officer and Criminal reports taken by an officer cannot be altered or changed once submitted. ****

4. Need to apply for a building permit?
 - a. **For residential properties**, please get in touch with Franklin County Zoning
<https://development.franklincountyohio.gov/planning-zoning/zoning>
 - b. **For commercial properties-**
You can find the application online at the following link. <https://franklin-townshipohio.gov/buildingdepartment/>

You can also submit your application and plans by emailing them (preferred method) to nrandazzio@franklin-township.com. There is a \$250 deposit required. You can mail a check to our offices or call and make a payment over the phone via Credit Card (there is a 3% processing fee when using a Credit Card)

****Please keep in mind that there are certain things that the Township does not handle****

- Street Lights-Please call your local electricity provider
- Water Lines -Sewage- Please call your water and sewage provider
- For unsanitary conditions-Please, contact the Dept. of Public Health at <https://myfcph.org/environmental-health/file-a-complaint/>
- Local trash pick-up- Don't hesitate to contact any local trash hauler.
- The trash in yards- Please get in touch with the Dept. of Public Health at <https://myfcph.org/environmental-health/file-a-complaint/>
- Zoning enforcement- Please get in touch with Franklin County Zoning at <https://development.franklincountyohio.gov/planning-zoning/zoning>