

## **Noise & Nuisance Ordinance**

The Township of Bern has a newly enacted nuisance ordinance, undertaken through committee and created to define unreasonable noise. It establishes guidelines and penalties for creating or permitting unreasonable noise.

A nuisance is described as any use of property or conduct or activity or condition within Bern Township that shall cause or result in annoyance or discomfort beyond the boundaries or such property, which would disturb a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

This would include but is not limited to:

Operating or permitting the operation of radios, televisions, amplifiers, musical instruments or other sound devices, which produce amplified sound, which annoys a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

The operation of motorcycles, all terrain vehicles or snowmobiles in such an excessive manner as to annoy a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

Owning, possessing, controlling or harboring any animal or fowl which barks, bays, cries, squawks or makes any other such noise continuously or intermittently for an extended period of time which annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

The operation of mechanically powered lawn mowers, tractors, power tools, chain saws or any other similar devices in a residential area between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM which annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

The use of public athletic and recreational facilities for events organized and operated by state, county or local associations or organizations; state, county or municipal road service or utility or emergency service personnel as well as persons engaged in commercial agriculture or livestock are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance can be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 plus court costs