

Public Health Nuisances

Montgomery Township regulates Public Health Nuisances via the following [Ordinance](#).

The State of New Jersey has the [Public Health Nuisance Code of 1953](#) to regulate nuisances and Montgomery Township has adopted this code.

The Code defines nuisances as follows:

“The following matters, things, conditions or acts and each of them are hereby declared to be a nuisance and injurious to the health of the inhabitants of this municipality: (a) Any matter, thing, condition or act which is or may become detrimental or a menace to the health of the inhabitants of this municipality. (b) Any matter, thing, condition or act which is or may become an annoyance, or interfere with the comfort or general well-being of the inhabitants of this municipality. (c) Pollution, or existence of a condition or conditions which cause or threaten pollution, of any waters in this municipality in such manner as to cause or threaten injury to any of the inhabitants of this municipality either in their health, comfort or property. (d) The escape into the open air from any stack, vent, chimney or any entrance to the open air, or from any fire into the open air of such quantities of smoke, fly ash, dust, fumes, vapors, mists, or gases as to cause injury, detriment, or annoyance to the inhabitants of this municipality or endanger their comfort, repose, health or safety. (e) The growth, existence or presence of ragweed on any plot of land, lot, highway, right-of-way or any other public or private place. (f) The growth, existence or presence of poison ivy within twenty feet of any property line. (g) The existence or presence of any water or other liquid in which mosquito larvae breed or exist. (h) The existence or presence of any accumulation of garbage, refuse, manure, or animal or vegetable matter which may attract flies and to which flies may have access, or in which fly larvae or pupae breed or exist. (i) Depositing, accumulating, or maintaining any matter or thing which serves as food for insects or rodents and to which they may have access or which serves or constitutes a breeding place or harborage for insects or rodents in or on any land, premises, building or other place.”

Should a resident wish to report a possible public health nuisance, they can do so by calling the Health Department at (908) 359-8211 ext. 2227 or via [health \[at\] montgomerynj.gov](mailto:health@montgomerynj.gov) (Email).