

# Policy Regulating Metal Detecting on Township Properties

## Lower Saucon Township

1. Metal Detecting is NOT PERMITTED in historic areas (Heller Homestead, Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse) or on the Lower Saucon Township portion of the Saucon Rail Trail.
2. Metal Detecting IS PERMITTED on Township park properties with the following restrictions:
  - Metal detecting is only permitted from dawn to dusk
  - Metal detecting is not permitted on any athletic field or sideline
  - Metal detecting must be conducted at least 100 feet away from any building, facility, court, garden, streambank, or activity
  - Shovels, spades and other similar tools MAY NOT BE USED to dig into or turn over sod and open soil areas
  - The only permissible digging tools are screwdrivers, small garden trowels, ice picks, and other similar narrow pronged devices such as Lesche digging tools
  - Digging may not exceed a depth of 6 inches
  - Digging is restricted to sod and open soil areas only
  - Sod must be restored to its original condition after digging
  - Articles found that are of apparent historical significance or personal value, such as uniform buckles, buttons, jewelry, etc., must be turned into the Township office.
3. Persons who wish to use a metal detector on Lower Saucon Township park properties must apply for a permit for this activity at the Township office at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015 during regular business hours. Permits are good for one (1) year. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for the permit application. A copy of the permit application form is available for download [HERE](#).

For further information, visit the Township website at [www.lowersaucontownship.org](http://www.lowersaucontownship.org)