



RECREATIONAL FIRE REGULATIONS

Recreational Fires have become an important part of our outdoor experience. To ensure these types of experiences can continue without creating a safety hazard or nuisance, the recreational fire regulations listed below have been developed. To curb the growing number of illegal recreational fires and to further eliminate potential safety hazards and nuisances, strict enforcement of these regulations will begin immediately, and violations will result in legal action through the municipal court system.

Open burning of lumber, pallets, wooden shingles, scrap wood, leaves, yard waste, cardboard, paper, garbage, and other similar items, is not permitted. Burning of brush and tree trimmings is only allowed in accordance with the Open Burning Ordinance which requires a permit from the Fire Inspection Division.

Recreational fires are permitted in the residential area without a fire department permit as long as the following rules are observed:

1. Only natural firewood cut in short lengths less than 2 feet may be burned.
2. The fire must be contained in a manufactured freestanding fire pit or ring or pit not exceeding 3 feet in diameter. The fire shall be limited in fuel such that at no time does the flame height exceed 36 inches.
3. Fire rings or pits must be located at a minimum of 25 feet from structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences. Manufactured freestanding fire pits equipped with side screens and a cover must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any structures or combustibles such as houses, garages, sheds wood piles and wood fences.
4. The fire must be constantly attended and supervised by an adult until the fire has been completely extinguished.
5. A connected garden hose or other means to extinguish the fire must be readily available.
6. The use of flammable or combustible liquid accelerants is not permitted.
7. Recreational fires are not permitted on days when the wind speeds exceed 10 miles per hour.
8. Recreational fires are not permitted on commercial or industrial sites, or sites with construction activities.
9. Police and Fire Department officers are authorized to require that a recreational fire be immediately extinguished and discontinued if it is determined that the fire is not in compliance with the above rules, the smoke is offensive to nearby neighbors, or the burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition. Violations of these fire rules are misdemeanor offenses requiring a court appearance and punishable by fines up to \$1000 and/or 90 days in jail.

If you have any questions, please call 763-486-4436

If you need to report illegal burning, please call 911