

RECREATIONAL FIRES



Recent changes to the City Code now allows for the use of portable outdoor fireplaces and recreational fires.

The following requirements for portable outdoor fireplaces and recreational fires can be found in City Code Chapter 4 and the International Fire Code.

- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible materials
- Recreational fires shall not be closer than 25 feet from a structure, fence or other combustible materials.
 - The pile size shall be no more than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height
- Conditions which could cause a fire to spread outside the designated fire area shall be eliminated prior to ignition
- Recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended by an adult until the fire is completely extinguished.
- Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a 4-A rated fire extinguisher, dirt, sand or garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.

It is still unlawful for any person to allow the production or continuation of excessive quantities of smoke which may be emitted by wood burning appliances, including fireplaces and recreational fires which disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, safety and welfare of any person or persons of any area within the city.

Open burning is strictly prohibited within the city limits with the following exceptions:

- Barbecues and recreational fires
- Ceremonies
- Fireplaces and portable fireplaces
- Firefighting training under the direction of the Fire Chief
- Weed or fire hazard control under the direction of the Fire Chief
- Other buildings, structures and material deemed a hazard to public safety or health by the Fire Chief