



Fire Prevention Bureau

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Recreational Fires

Recreational fires do not require a permit; but, those individuals having recreational fires must comply with the following:

- 1) The fire must be small in size:
 - a) The fuel pile must be 3 feet or less in diameter.
 - b) The fuel pile must be 2 feet or less in height.
- 2) The fire must be away from structures or combustibles:
 - a) 25 feet or more away.
 - b) 15 feet or more away in an approved container (purchased fire ring, etc.).
 - c) A deck is a structure and it may or may not be combustible depending on the material it is constructed from. The typical wood deck is combustible.
- 3) The fire must be constantly attended:
 - a) A responsible individual must be present from the time the fire is lit until it is extinguished.
 - b) An extinguisher (minimum 4-A rating) or other approved extinguishing equipment. (dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, water tank, etc.).
 - c) Extinguishing equipment must be immediately available.
- 4) The fire must not be offensive, objectionable or hazardous:
 - a) Smoke, odor or other by-products of combustion that are found to be offensive, objectionable or hazardous, can be ordered to be extinguished by the fire department.
 - b) Litter, trash or garbage (including yard waste) will not be burned as part of a recreational fire. (no leaves, no paper, no grass clippings, etc.).
- 5) Fire will be extinguished or ordered to be extinguished if:
 - a) Irresponsible burning is taking place (unattended fire, or burning of trash or debris, etc.).
 - b) The fire endangers the safety, health or welfare of owners or occupants of nearby property.
 - c) The fire endangers the safety, health or welfare of the general public.