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## **RECREATIONAL BURNING REGULATIONS**

### **General Requirements:**

These requirements pertain to small outdoor fires, burning approved material for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warming or similar purposes. This also includes portable freestanding fireplaces and chimineas.

- Size – No fire shall be more than three (3) feet in diameter and 3 feet in height.
- Location – Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. A surrounding fire barrier of non-combustible material that is at least 6 inches in height must be used.
- Materials – Only unpainted wood, which has not been treated with chemicals or preservatives, coal or charcoal may be burned. **Open burning of rubbish, construction material, furniture, or leaves is prohibited.** Recreational fires shall not produce large amounts of smoke.
- Fire Extinguishing Equipment – Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
- Attendance – Every recreational fire shall be constantly attended by a competent person 18- years of age or older and the fire shall be completely extinguished by them before leaving the fire unattended.
- Hours – Recreational fires are allowed to be conducted between the hours:  
  
Monday through Friday.....6:00 PM – 6 AM  
Saturday and Sunday.....12:00 PM – 6 AM  
National Holidays.....12:00 PM – 6 PM
- Wind Condition – Recreational Fires shall not be conducted if wind conditions exceed 10 mph.  
*NOTE: If the fire is creating smoke and disturbing neighbors they may call 911 which would require the fire to be extinguished.*
- Burning Bans – All open burning will cease when the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal determines that the weather conditions are dangerously dry OR they feel it is necessary to control fire loss.
- Prohibited Open Burning – Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.