

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational fires (an outdoor fire where the fuel being burned is not contained (open) and is used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes) are allowed under the following conditions:

#1 The fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.

#2 The fire is approved at a minimum 15 feet of a structure or combustible material when in an approved container (enclosed/screened and not a 55-gallon drum).

#3 The maximum diameter of the recreational fire area shall not exceed 3 feet and the maximum fuel height of the recreational fire shall not exceed 2 feet.

#4 The fire must be constantly attended until it is extinguished.

#5 A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

#6 Burning of leaves, yard waste, building construction waste and rubbish is prohibited.

#7 The fire cannot create any hazard or nuisance.

If the fire department receives a complaint about a recreational fire and upon arrival, the fire department representative determines that the fire is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, the fire department representative on the scene is authorized to have the fire extinguished. If the atmospheric conditions or local circumstances makes a recreational fire hazardous or if it adds to a hazardous or objectional situation, the fire department representative on the scene is authorized to have the fire extinguished.

Open burning for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention, control of disease, control of pests or a bonfire are prohibited without a permit.

If any citizen has a question regarding this and needs additional clarification or information, please have them contact the Fire Prevention Division at 248-796-5700.

