



CITY OF ABILENE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



Recreational Fire Guideline

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Recreational fires are **small** fires for cooking, warming, religious or ceremonial purposes that are kindled outside of a grill, smoker, barbeque or other cooking/heating appliance.

Permit and Approval.

- No permit or separate approval from the Fire Department is required to kindle a recreational fire that is conducted in accordance with the Fire Code.
- Fire shall be extinguished immediately upon order of the fire department or any law enforcement officer.

General Requirements

- Caution should be exercised at all times.
- Fire must be attended by a competent adult and extinguished after use.
- Fire should not be kindled during low humidity and/or high wind conditions.
- Fire must be located not less than 25 feet away from all structures, fences and other combustibles, including dry vegetation.
- Firewood only may be used as fuel. Construction materials, plastics, petroleum products, yard waste, brush and trash are prohibited.
- Fuel pile must be 2 feet or less in height and 3 feet or less in diameter.
- Water or other extinguishing method must be available at fire site.
- A metal screen to contain embers is recommended.

Enclosures

- Use of outdoor fireplaces and other noncombustible enclosures is recommended.
- Follow all manufacturer recommendations and instructions.
- Separation distance from structures may be reduced to not less than 15 feet when using an enclosure equipped with a tight fitting ¼ inch mesh screen.