



Fire Marshal's Office

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GUIDELINES FOR BACKYARD FIRE PITS AND CHIMENEAS

They are allowed under the following conditions:

Residential recreational fires must be contained completely within a permanently constructed structure with a masonry floor or a commercially manufactured appliance specifically designed for burning. (This does not include a 55 gallon barrel)

Burning of coal, charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas only is permitted. (No leaves, brush, trash or paper)

A Permit is required by the Fire Marshal's Office if burning is on public property. This would include ground fires in the parks.

The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 15 feet where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet in height.

Spark screens or other measures must be taken to prevent flying embers or sparks.

The Fire Department is authorized to order the extinguishment of open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. Basically, if someone complains, they must put it out.