

BBQ Pit

An outdoor fire used for cooking in the ground with a fuel area not larger than 3 feet wide by 2 feet high.

Requirements

- All general requirements must be met. (Please see page titled General Requirements.)
- Fuels can only be charcoal or clean/dry wood.
- Must be at least 15 ft. from structure or combustible material

Fire Pit

An outdoor fire used at a one or two family dwelling with a fuel area not larger than 3 feet wide by 2 feet high.

Requirements

- All general requirements must be met. (Please see page titled General Requirements.)
- Follow manufacture requirements.
- Fuels can only be clean/dry wood.
- LP/Propane or natural gas being primary fuel, no permit required.
- Must be at least 15 ft. from structure or combustible material
- Cannot be located on balconies/decks in multi-story buildings.



Grills/BBQ's

Residential type cooking appliance that utilizes LP/Propane, natural gas or charcoal as the primary fuel.

Requirements

- No permit required
- Follow manufacture requirements.
- Cannot be on combustible balconies unless the building, balconies and decks are protected by a sprinkler system.
- LP-gas cooking device that has water capacity not greater than 2 1/2 pounds (nominal 11lb LP-gas capacity) can be located on combustible balcony or deck.
- LP-gas cooking device that has a water capacity greater than 2 1/2 pounds cannot be located on combustible balconies or deck in a multi-family dwelling.



For Burn Permits Call the Fire Station that is closest

Station 1 — (865) 425-3911 (West)
Station 2 — (865) 425-3912 (East)
Station 3 — (865) 425-3913 (Central)
Station 4 — (865) 425-3914 (ETTP Site)
Headquarters — (865) 425-3520



Open Burning Information



(865) 425-3520



General Requirements

- A burn permit must be issued by the fire department prior to ignition.
- Burning must be conducted on your property or permission granted by property owner.
- A competent adult must remain with the fire until it is fully extinguished.
- A way of extinguishing the fire must be present. (i.e. garden hose connected to water source or minimum 4-A fire extinguisher)
- The fire must be out by dark, unless it meets the requirements of recreational fire, bonfire, or portable outdoor fireplaces. Recreational fires, bonfires, and portable outdoor fireplaces must be completely extinguished prior to being unattended.
- The fire must be extinguished if conditions change that would keep smoke from clearing the area.
- No rubbish, construction materials, trash or tires are allowed to be burned. (Only brush or leaves)
- The brush/limbs cannot be larger than 3 inches in diameter.
- Any request from contractors to burn brush cleared from the land for construction purposes must be referred to headquarters for an on-site inspection and written permit.

Open Burning

The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudgepots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, *recreational fires* or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

Requirements

- All general requirements must be met. (Please see page titled General Requirements.)
- Must be at least 50 feet from any structure or combustible material and provisions made to prevent the fire from spreading within 50 feet of any structure.

Bonfire

Bonfires are usually very large and are associated with a crowd activity. Failure to follow good safety practices with these fires can lead to serious injuries and property damage.

Requirements

- All general requirements must be met and an on-site inspection must be conducted. (Please see page titled General Requirements.)
- Must be at least 50 feet from any structure or combustible material. Any condition that could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Recreational fire

An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

Requirements

- All general requirements must be met. (Please see page titled General Requirements.)
- Must be at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material. Any condition that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Portable Outdoor Fireplace

A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

Requirements

- All general requirements must be met. (Please see page titled General Requirements.)
- Used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Must be at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible material.
- Cannot be on combustible balconies unless the building, balconies and decks are protected by a sprinkler system.