

## Recreational Burning

Generally speaking, the classification "recreational fire" applies to cooking, warming, and ceremonial fires. The Fire Department recommends that those wishing to have recreational fires speak with their neighbors prior to burning.

The person wishing to burn must own the property or have the owner's permission to burn on that property.

- Only dry wood or wood products may be burned; yard debris, other than logs and bare branches, is not allowed for this type of burning.
- The fire must be at least 15 feet away from any structure (as measured from the roof overhang, if any), fence line, or vegetation. If the lot is of a size to accommodate a distance of 25 feet, that additional clearance is recommended.
- Burn mounds must be limited to 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- The fire must be attended constantly until it is completely out.
- A water hose or other extinguishing source must be immediately available at the burn site.
- Fire personnel may require cessation of burning activities which generate offensive or objectionable smoke or odor emissions, including those activities regulated by Municipal Code Section 308 - Open Flames. Examples of controlled smoke /odor activities include, but are not limited to: use of barbecue grill or pit, chiminea, open flame cooking device, incinerator, outdoor fireplace, and similar warming fires.