

## **What is a Recreational Fire?**

A recreational fire may be enjoyed outdoors for cooking, leisure, ceremonial, or religious activities or for warmth.

The fire must be contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbeque pit, grill, or approved outdoor fireplace.

The size of the fire must be no larger than 3 feet wide by 2 feet high.

Natural gas, propane, charcoal, or clean dry wood are examples of acceptable fuels for cooking and burning.



**A recreational fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.**

**Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material shall be eliminated prior to ignition.**

**Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.**

**There shall be on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water bucket, garden hose, or water truck available for immediate use.**

**Outdoor fireplaces that are approved and commercially available and fire pits constructed of non-combustible materials should be used.**

## **Prohibited Open Burning:**

Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric or local circumstances make such fires hazardous are prohibited.

The Fire Marshal is authorized to order the extinguishment of the fire if it creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

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## **The following materials shall NOT be burned:**

Rubbish, tires, treated lumber, particle board, railroad ties, plastics, flammable liquids, foam, rubber.

## **A Burn Permit is required:**

**For recognized silvicultural, range, or wildlife management practices;**

**For prevention or control of disease or pests, and**

**For a bonfire.**

**A bonfire is a larger outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes such as a pep rally, holiday, or camp celebration.**

**The Fire Prevention Code provides additional regulations for bonfires in order to ensure fire-safety.**

**Applications for a Burn Permit are also be subject to the regulations of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Virginia Department of Forestry.**



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## **Regulations and Safety Information for Recreational Fires**