



## **GUIDELINES FOR RECREATIONAL FIRES**

(City Code 12-415)

Recreational fires will be allowed without a permit, but subject to limitations which will be strictly enforced. The following rules will apply:

1. Burning will be allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (midnight) any day of the week, with a maximum duration of six (6) hours recreational fire any day of the week.
2. Recreational fires shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter and a flame height of approximately 3 feet.
3. Only clean dry wood may be burned, with a minimum of 1 inch diameter. No brush, yard, building, household waste or treated wood may be burned. (City Code 12 - 415)
4. A responsible adult must be present at all times.
5. The fire must be located on your own property. If the fire is in an easement area, you must have approval from all involved parties.
6. A means of controlling or extinguishing the fire must be available at all times. (Buckets, shovels, and garden hoses, for example)
7. Fires are not allowed if winds are in excess of 15 miles per hour. Current weather conditions may be checked on the National Weather Service website: [www.crh.noaa.gov/mpx/](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mpx/). Enter your zip code into search box for current conditions.
8. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure.
9. Any police or fire officer may withdraw permission for the fires due to climatic conditions, extreme dryness, nuisance problems, or violations of the guidelines.
10. A person violating any recreational fire provisions of City Code Section 12-415 is subject to an administrative citation with a penalty of \$75. A second time or subsequent time within 18 months of a previous violation is subject to an administrative citation with a penalty of two times the previously imposed penalty.

### **REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY YOUR FIRE**

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines or to obtain copies, please contact:

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