

TOWN OF IRONDEQUOIT

Office of the Fire Marshal



Guidelines for Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are considered a privilege. Any fire causing the fire department or police department to be called may be considered by the responding official as a nuisance fire.

Nuisance fires must be extinguished. Please contact the office of the fire marshal at (585) 336-6770, if you have any questions regarding this fire safety concern.

The office of the fire marshal has allowed burning for recreational purposes consistent with state, county and local codes and laws, using the following guidelines.

- **Fire cannot create a nuisance.** Smoke and/or odors may be considered a nuisance, persons within a neighborhood with asthma, emphysema, allergies, COPD, or other conditions may experience lower tolerance to these conditions. Many people also don't appreciate smoke blowing into their homes and would like to have their windows open during nice weather.
- Fires with direct ground contact such as those surrounded by a fire ring or by concrete block, bricks or stone shall be no larger than three feet in diameter – no taller than two feet in height and located 25 feet (or more) from combustible structures (*houses, fences, sheds, garages, wooden decks, similar structures*).
- Outdoor portable fireplaces made of metal, ceramic and like materials must follow these same rules and not be placed on any combustible materials (decks, porches, tables, etc.) They may not be located less than 15 feet from a combustible structure.
- Materials for burning must be clean seasoned firewood (*Materials such as wet wood, fresh cut wood, painted or stained wood, pressure treated wood, plywood and leaves create smoky conditions and are not allowed to be burned*). Burning of garbage is prohibited.
- Competent adult supervision must be on site while fire is burning. Competent adult supervision is someone over 18 years of age, not impaired by drugs, alcohol or having a medical or mental condition which would impair their ability to take proper actions if required.
- A source of water must be available to control or extinguish any fire (*charged garden hose hooked up to a water supply, multiple pails of water, or a 4-A rated fire extinguisher*).
- No new materials may be added to a fire after 10 PM, **FIRE MUST BE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE ABANDONING.**
- Another issue that commonly comes up associated with recreational fires is noise and disturbance of the neighborhood when these events extend late into the evening. This is a police matter and will be dealt with by the Irondequoit Police Department.

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