



WATERFORD REGIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Recreational Fires, Outdoor Fireplace or Pits

Not allowed:

1. Ground based fires are prohibited. Examples; burning in a hole or pit.

Allowed:

1. The use of outdoor fire appliances shall be allowed only when used in compliance with this policy.

Construction:

1. Maximum diameter 36 inches.
2. The container must be manufactured as an outdoor fire appliance, in good condition and operated in accordance with the manufacture's specifications.
3. It shall be completely enclosed with material to contain the combustion process and flames. This shall include a screen or some device with openings no larger than ½ inch to arrest any sparks or embers from leaving the fire appliance.

Allowed Fuel type:

1. Only dry seasoned firewood logs will be used. Yard waste, scrap wood, paper or leaves **SHALL NOT** be burned.
2. Natural gas or propane-fueled appliances are acceptable.

Use The appliance shall not be used when:

1. The manner of use will create a nuisance.
2. Smoke or odor emission will be offensive, irritate or annoy others living in the neighborhood or wind conditions are unfavorable for smoke or flame.
3. Wood must be fully inside the container with lid and screen in place.
4. Please limit the use to 4 hours and extinguish prior to leaving unattended.

Location requirements:

The appliance shall **not** be:

1. Closer than 15 feet from buildings or property lines.
2. Set upon wood decks or combustible surfaces.
3. In the front yard
4. In the side yards, unless the side yard abuts a public street.
5. Directly in line or under the window or door of an abutting home.

Supervision & Extinguishment

1. A competent adult must be in constant attendance until all fire, embers or coals are completely extinguished prior to leaving the appliance unattended.
2. A water hose, bucket of water or fire extinguisher shall be nearby.

The authority having jurisdiction reserves the right to cease any recreational fires, even if the homeowner is in compliance with this policy, under the following conditions:

1. Smoke or odor is offensive, objectionable or health concerns to neighbors.
2. When unapproved combustibles are burned.
3. When the burning is performed in an unsafe manner