

PONTIAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

Outdoor Fireplace or Pits

Allowed

The use of outdoor fire appliances shall be allowed only when used in compliance with this policy. Burning in a hole or pit in the ground is prohibited.

Construction

Maximum diameter 36 inches. The container must be manufactured as an outdoor fire appliance, in good condition and operated in accordance with the manufacture's specifications. 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.

Fuel

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

Use

The appliance shall **not** be used when:

- a. The manner of use will create a nuisance.
- b. An ozone action day has been declared
- c. Smoke or odor emission will be offensive, irritate or annoy others living in the neighborhood or wind conditions are unfavorable for smoke or flame.
- d. Wood must be fully inside the container with lid and screen in place.
- e. Summer hours: begin Memorial Day: 8 pm – 12 am.
Winter hours: after Labor Day: 6 pm – 12 am.

Location

The appliance shall **not** be:

- a. Closer than 15 feet from buildings or property lines.
- b. Set upon wood decks or combustible surfaces.
- c. In the front yard
- d. In the side yards, unless the side yard abuts a public street.
- e. Directly in line or under the window or door of an abutting home.

Supervision & Extinguishment

A competent adult must be in constant attendance until all fire, embers or coals are completely extinguished prior to leaving the appliance unattended.

A water hose, bucket of water or fire extinguisher shall be nearby.

The authority having jurisdiction shall have the open burning cease, even if the homeowner is in compliance with this policy, under the following conditions:

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