

Summary of Important Safety Tips

- ⇒ Keep fires in designated fire pits no more than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height
- ⇒ Make sure the fire is constantly attended and extinguishing tools are nearby
- ⇒ Clear the area around the fire. Remove any combustible materials
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- ▶ such as dry grass, leaves or wood piles
- ⇒ Keep fires small enough that they can be controlled and easily extinguished
- ⇒ Recreational fires are NOT allowed during extremely dry or windy weather conditions
- ⇒ You may only burn firewood or charcoal; household garbage is not permitted

**Columbia River Fire & Rescue
And
Scappoose Fire District**



► Guidelines for Recreational Fires

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If you still have questions or concerns regarding recreational fires, please contact the Fire Marshal at 503-543-5026

What is a Recreational Fire?

A recreational fire is a fire at your residence that is used for the purpose of cooking, warming or similar recreation. There is no permit required for recreational fires. Burning backyard debris is regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and is NOT considered recreational burning.

A large bonfire for a special event or ceremony WILL require a permit and possible site inspection.

During a recreational fire, you may only burn dry wood or charcoal. Wood must be contained within the designated fire pit or container. Recreational fires are NOT allowed during extremely dry or windy weather conditions. Recreational Fires must be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. The following list is suitable on-site fire extinguishing equipment:

- ◆ Fire Extinguisher (minimum 4-A rating)
- ◆ Dirt/Sand
- ◆ Water Barrel
- ◆ Garden Hose

Campfires

Campfires are permitted and can be used for cooking and warming. Burning any garbage or debris is prohibited. Campfires cannot be in a wooded area. They MUST be located in a designated pit in a landscaped area at least 25 feet away from combustible materials. The area around the fire should be clear of anything that can catch fires such as dry grass, brush or wood piles. Fire pits must be small enough that the fire can be controlled. The pit may not be larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height at the deepest point.



Recreational Burning
is not allowed during
"RED FLAG"
WARNING" days or
when the ODF IFPL
is at a level III or IV.

Using an Outdoor Fireplace, Fire Bowl or Chimenea

The use of an outdoor fireplace, fire bowl or Chimenea is permitted as a recreational fire and does not require a permit. These containers

should be located at least 25 feet away from a structure and clear of combustible materials. It is recommended that they be set on sturdy, non-combustible surfaces such as a brick patio. Always follow the manufacturer fire safety suggestions.

