CITY OF ANN ARBOR RECREATIONAL FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS

Campfires, portable outdoor fireplaces and fire pits, etc.

The fire code prohibits the following in relation to outdoor recreational fires:

1. Recreational fires, such as campfires, **may not** be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or of combustible materials. Conditions and materials which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure must be eliminated before lighting the fire.

2. Portable outdoor fireplaces/fire pits must be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and must not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible materials. This 15-feet rule does not apply to one- and two-family homes.

3. Fires must be attended at all times and with onsite fire-extinguishing equipment close at hand, such as sand and a shovel, a full water barrel or a working garden hose.

4. Fires must be completely extinguished prior to leaving.

5. Recreational fires **must not** create a smoke violation or nuisance to neighbors.

Safety tip sheets for recreational fires, grilling and much more can be found on the National Fire Protection Agency website, [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org). (Per the International Fire Code 2015)

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