

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-foot 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.
(Per the International Fire Code 2021)



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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