



Recreational Fire Code Requirements

Campfires, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces,
Portable Outdoor Fire Pits, Etc.

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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.
6. Safety tip sheets for recreational fires, grilling and much more can be found on the National Fire Protection Agency website, www.nfpa.org.