



CITY OF HARRISONBURG  
**FIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT**

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**PLEASE FOLLOW THIS GUIDANCE WHEN CONDUCTING A RECREATIONAL FIRE**

- The fire **MUST** be contained within a fire ring that will not allow a fire to be greater than 3 feet in diameter. The fire ring can be made of any non-combustible material such as rocks, metal, etc.
- The fire cannot have combustible materials piled higher than 2 feet in the fire ring.
- Only ordinary wooden combustibles are permitted to be burned. The burning of pressure treated wood and pallets are prohibited. No rubbish may be burned, such as discarded furniture or household trash.
- The fire (campfires, etc.) must be at least 25 feet away, measured from the fire ring, from any structure or combustible materials. A structure is anything that is built or constructed. This includes fences.
- The recreational fire **MUST** be attended at all times while burning.
- Portable Outdoor Fireplaces (Chiminea, etc.) shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
  - Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two family dwellings.
- Extinguishment capabilities shall be located within 25 feet of the fire ring. A minimum of a fire extinguisher with a 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as loose dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose that is connected to a water supply.
- If the recreational fire is in violation of **ANY** of these items, **the fire will be ordered to be extinguished** and a Notice of Violation will be issued. Subsequent violations will result in a summons being issued.
- If complaints from surrounding properties are made the recreational fire **MAY** be ordered extinguished.
- During the period of February 15 through April 30 of each year, recreational fires are permitted only between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and midnight.

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