



City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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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.
- 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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