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CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #2-2

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TO: Fire Inspection Staff
FROM: Fire Marshal Steve Zaccard
SUBJECT: Open Burning Requirements - REVISED

Open burning is permitted under the following conditions:

RECREATIONAL FIRES

1. Maximum fuel area of 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
2. No fire permit is required for a recreational fire.
3. No burning for disposal. No rubbish, paper products or construction materials can be burned.
4. Fires that are not contained in an approved burning appliance must be at least 25 feet from a building or combustible materials.
5. As an alternate method of compliance, fires that ARE CONTAINED in an approved container must be at least 15 feet from building or combustible material.
6. Any conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet of a building shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
7. The means shall be provided to extinguish the fire. This can include buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a minimum 4-A fire extinguisher.
8. Fires shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment provided.

9. The fire department may order the fire to be discontinued if, in our opinion, the fire constitutes a hazardous condition or produces obnoxious smoke or odors that may cause a public nuisance.

OPEN BURNING

Open burning requires a fire permit from the Department of Safety & Inspections.

1. Open Burning can be used for disposal, except that paper products and materials that may produce obnoxious smoke and odors cannot be burned.
2. Prior to ignition, the fire department must be notified at 651-224-7371.
3. Burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a building or other combustible material.
4. Burning may be conducted within 25 feet of a building or other combustible material if the pile size is no more than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
5. Burning may be conducted within 15 feet of a building or other combustible materials if the burning takes place solely within an approved burning appliance.
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For permits or questions, please call the Dept. of Safety and Inspections at 651-266-8989. Have fun and BE CAREFUL with your fire!