



City of Mason

RECREATIONAL BURNING REQUIREMENTS

"Recreational Fires" are defined as the burning of charcoal, seasoned firewood, or other fuel approved by the fire chief or a designee where the fuel being burned is contained within a device or pit.

Burning may be done in a metal container, masonry fire ring, or store-bought device manufactured for recreational burning and so constructed as to prevent the dispersal of sparks and burning material having suitable covers and constructed to prevent the dispersal of sparks and burning material.



Recreational fires cannot be located within 15 feet of a structure, nor within 15 feet of an existing property line, except when specifically authorized by the fire chief or a designee.

Recreational fires shall not exceed 36 inches in diameter and the flame height shall not exceed 24 inches from the ground surrounding the device or pit containing the fire.

Recreational fires are permitted only on property used and occupied as a single or two-family dwelling in any zoning district.

Recreational fire burning shall not take place between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

No such burning shall be done unless under the constant supervision of a person at least 18 years of age.

No burning shall be allowed at a time or place and of such materials which, when burning, emit foul or obnoxious odors, dense smoke, or when wind conditions create or are apt to create a nuisance or hazard to persons or property in the vicinity.

No burning shall be allowed when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances are likely to make such burning hazardous.

Burning of yard waste, leaves and trash is prohibited.

Fires must be attended at all times and extinguishing equipment must be nearby.

If wind velocity reaches 10 mph or above, all burning is prohibited.

Any burning may be summarily suspended by the highest-ranking fire officer on duty if the officer determines that any permitted fire is maintained contrary to this chapter or is a fire hazard potentially dangerous to persons or property. Any such suspension may be appealed to the fire chief.



Should the person(s) performing the burning violate any of the conditions as expressly set forth in section 26-126 and 26-127, or any applicable state law regulating open fires, necessitating a fire department response, they shall be responsible for all costs associated with the response, but in no case less than \$300.00 per hour.

Resources: More questions? Please contact our Customer Service Desk at 517.676.9155.

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