

The following types of outdoor burning do not require an Outdoor Burning Permit

1. Burning (**recreational fires**) when used solely for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes are permitted provided these provisions are followed:
 - a. No rubbish permitted
 - b. Maximum diameter of 3 feet and height of 2 feet
 - c. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

2. Burning in an approved container or outdoor incinerator does not require a permit, provided these provisions are followed:
 - a. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure.
 - b. An approved container is used.

Examples of approved containers:

Screened outdoor fire pits or fireplaces

(To find out where to purchase these devices do an internet search for outdoor fire pit or fireplace or check with a local outdoor furniture retailer)

Patio wood-burning units (chiminea, patio warmer, or other portable wood-burning device) used for outdoor recreation and/or heating.

Most burn barrels are NOT approved due to the lack of adequate ventilation to support complete burning unless the following conditions are met: The container must be vented with holes no greater than 1/2 inch in diameter to provide free air flow and have a suitable metal cover and be so constructed as to prevent the dispersal of sparks and burning material to neighboring or adjacent structures or property or premises. The burner cover or stack shall not have any perforations or openings larger than one-half, (1/2) inch in diameter.

In all cases:

Containers shall not be used to burn refuse and shall burn only clean wood.

Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.