



ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINES

The Olympic Air Pollution Control Authority enacted rules and regulations concerning outdoor burning in 2011. Only **“Recreational fires”** are allowed within the City of Aberdeen.

“Recreational fire” means cooking fires, campfires, and bonfires using charcoal or firewood that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure, or ceremonial purposes. Fires used for debris disposal purposes are not considered recreational fires.” (WAC 173-425-030)

To assist the citizens of Aberdeen in this recreational pursuit, the following guidelines shall apply to “Recreational fires”.

1. Recreational fires may be on open ground, in fire pits or containers constructed of concrete containing pumice, masonry, ceramic, or steel materials. **Steel Burn Barrels are not allowed.**
2. In addition to these guidelines commercially manufactured fire containers must be used in accordance with the manufactures instructions and safety requirements.
3. All non-commercial or home built fire containers must be installed and used following the requirements of this guideline.
4. **The fuel area of the fire shall be no larger than 36 inches in diameter and 24 inches in height.**
5. **Fire areas must be located at least 25 feet from wooden fences, decks, structures or other combustible materials.**
6. Fires must be attended at all times. Fires must be extinguished when burning is complete or a responsible person is no longer in attendance. A fire extinguisher or garden hose must be available for extinguishment of the fire.
7. **Only dry firewood, charcoal or commercially produced artificial logs (“presto-logs” etc.) may be burned.**
8. Burn responsibly. If smoke, odor or ash, which goes beyond your property, negatively impacts a neighbor or causes a nuisance, the fire must be extinguished.
9. No fires are allowed during a time of extreme fire danger, as determined by the Aberdeen Fire Department and/or the Olympic Air Pollution Control Authority. Most news agencies announce when a total burn ban is issued.

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