



CITY OF BUTLER BUREAU OF FIRE

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GUIDANCE ON OUTDOOR FIRES

IMPORTANT! Outdoor fires not complying with these requirements shall be ordered extinguished, and can result in fines and the issuance of a citation.

Portable Outdoor Fire Pits, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces, and Chimineas

Allowed provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The device is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
2. The device's designed fuel loading is not exceeded.
3. Rubbish or yard waste is not being burned.
4. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
5. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand. Acceptable means of extinguishment include a garden hose, a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or dirt or sand with some means of application.
6. For non-residential occupancies and apartment buildings having three or more units, the device must be at least 15 feet away from structures and combustible materials. * Note: Condition # 6 does not apply to single family homes or duplexes.

Recreational Fires (i.e. campfires)

Allowed provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The fuel area must be 3 feet or less in diameter, and 2 feet or less in height (i.e. no larger than an ordinary campfire).
2. Rubbish or yard waste is not being burned.
3. The fire is at least 25 feet away from structures and combustible materials.
4. Conditions are not conducive to fire spread (such as extremely dry weather or high winds).
5. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
6. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand. Acceptable means of extinguishment include a garden hose, a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or dirt or sand with some means of application.

Burn Barrels

Allowed provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. Rubbish or yard waste is not being burned. * Note: The burning of wood scraps in a steel drum or barrel at a construction site is allowed for warmth, but not allowed if for the sole purpose of construction debris disposal.
2. The fire is at least 25 feet away from structures and combustible materials.
3. Conditions are not conducive to fire spread (such as extremely dry weather or high winds).
4. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
5. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand. Acceptable means of extinguishment include a garden hose, a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or dirt or sand with some means of application.

Bonfires and Open Burning

Outdoor fires having a fuel area greater than 3 feet in diameter or 2 feet in height are PROHIBITED.