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UNSAFE FIRES

The Fire Department has the authority to determine if a recreational fire meets acceptable standards for safe burning.

If a fire official deems that the fire container is unsafe, the fire shall be extinguished. The fire department has the authority to immediately shut down any recreational fire if the fire is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.



Only seasoned firewood shall be burned. Rubbish, green/treated wood, painted/stained wood, or pallets are not to be burned.

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RECREATIONAL FIRE RULES



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THE BASICS

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational fires shall mean the burning of seasoned firewood for outdoor recreation purposes in an enclosure designed specifically for ember and flame containment. Fire pits on the ground surrounded by bricks if within the dimensions below are acceptable. The use of barrels is not. The total fuel area shall not exceed **three feet in diameter and two feet in height**.



SAFE & CLEAN

OUTDOOR FIREPLACE

Outdoor Fireplace shall mean an elevated enclosure designed specifically for recreational or cooking fires. They are required to have metal grated sides and a lid.

Generally, all store-purchased chimeneas and fireplaces are acceptable burning receptacles.

Flames shall not be higher than the components of the chimeneas or other similar fireplace types.

MISTAKES

Recreational fires **cannot** be held on balconies of multi-family residential occupancies or set on public sidewalks, roads, public rights-of-way, or on another person's property.



DISTANCE

Recreational fires shall be **>25 feet** away from a structure or combustible material. Recreational fires conducted in gas-fired pits shall be **>15 feet** away from a structure or combustible material.

Examples of structure or combustible material include tall grass, vehicles, buildings, houses, garages, overhangs from buildings such as decks, porches, carports, sheds and wooden fences.



EXTINGUISH

An adequate fire extinguisher (one extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or two extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating) or a charged garden hose is required to be readily accessible near the fire.



Recreational fires shall always be attended to by a responsible adult and properly extinguished when done.



KEEP IT CLEAN

If the **Cleveland Department of Air Quality** (216-664-7442) determines atmospheric conditions make such fires hazardous, then the fire official shall require the fire to be extinguished.

Review Ohio Fire Code Sections: 307.1.1, 307.3, 307.4, and 307.5 for additional information relating to recreational fires.

Bonfires are not discussed in this pamphlet and require a permit from the City of Middleburg Heights to conduct.

