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**PORTLAND
FIRE
DEPARTMENT**



**PUBLIC GUIDE FOR
LEGAL TYPES OF
OUTDOOR BURNING**

The City of Portland's Fire Department has created this handout to help inform residents and visitors of the rules surrounding Outdoor Burning here in Portland and to keep recreational activities safe and enjoyable.

THE LEGAL TYPES OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN PORTLAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Cooking with standard barbecue equipment.
2. Use of outdoor Fireplaces, portable fire bowls and Chimineas:
 - a. These shall be at least 15 feet from a structure, combustible material and property lines.
3. Recreational fires not in a fireplace. This is defined as burning clean, dry, cord type firewood as in a standard campfire setting.
 - a. The fire must be in a pit or fire ring, less than 3 feet in diameter with pile less than 2 feet in height.
 - b. These recreational fires shall be no closer than 25 feet from a structure, combustible material and property lines.
 - c. A permit shall be required for all outdoor recreational fires that are not in an outdoor fireplace, portable fire bowl or Chimineas.
 - d. The permit is required to be present at the time of burning.
Permits may be obtained online at:
<http://www.portlandfire.com>



ADDITIONAL RULES THAT APPLY TO THESE LEGAL TYPES OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN PORTLAND::

1. Where burning is conducted on public property or the property of someone other than the owner, the person responsible for outdoor burning shall demonstrate that permission has been obtained by the appropriate government agency, property owner, or the property owner's authorized agent.
2. A responsible adult shall be in attendance at all times.
3. Smoke from any outdoor burning must not create a public nuisance by impacting neighboring properties.
4. No burning of trash, construction materials, leaves, brush, deadwood and tree cuttings accrued from normal property maintenance is to be burned in these fires.
5. A method of extinguishment shall be available at time of outdoor burning such as fire extinguisher or garden hose.
6. No outdoor burning is allowed if winds are greater than 15 mph or the State Forest Division has classified the fire danger as more than a class 2 day. Classifications can be found online at http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/wildfire_danger_report/index.html