



PORTLAND
FIRE
DEPARTMENT



PUBLIC GUIDE FOR
LEGAL TYPES OF
OUTDOOR BURNING

PLEASE CALL
(207) 874-8400
TO ASK ANY
QUESTIONS RELATED
TO THIS POLICY

*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. Campfires not in a fireplace shall require a permit. Campfires are defined as burning clean, dry, cord type firewood as in a standard campfire setting.
 - a. The permit is required to be present at the time of burning.
Permits may be obtained online at: <http://www.portlandfire.com>
 - b. The fire must be in a pit or fire ring, less than 3 feet in diameter with pile less than 2 feet in height.
 - c. These campfires shall be no closer than 25 feet from a structure, combustible material and property lines.



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 a 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