

Safety Rules for Open Burning in Fire Pits and Outdoor Fireplaces

Residents often ask about the Village's regulations relating to open burning in fire pits and outdoor fireplaces. The following are some general guidelines that outline the requirements for the Village and unincorporated areas served by the Mount Prospect Fire Department:

What is allowed:

- Burning in a fire pit or other approved container (i.e. fireplace) provided:
 - The fire pit is less than three feet in diameter;
 - The burning pile is less than two feet in height;
 - The fire pit or fireplace is at least 15 feet from any structure if it has a spark/flame arrestor; and
 - The fire pit or fireplace is at least 25 feet from any structure if it **does not** have a spark/flame arrestor
- Burning of seasoned firewood
- Burning that creates a limited amount of smoke and is not a nuisance to adjoining properties
- Burning that is attended by a person at all times (never left unattended)



What is not allowed:

- Burning of yard waste (twigs, leaves, branches)
- Bonfires (without a permit from the Fire Department)
- Burning that creates large amounts of smoke and/or creates a nuisance or public health hazard
- Burning not contained in a fire pit or fireplace
- Burning within 15 feet of a structure
- Burning within 25 feet of a structure **without** a cover or spark/flame arrestor
- Unattended burning/fires

**** Note:** This does not apply to propane or charcoal grills.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253.



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