



# Grapevine Fire Department

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## RECREATIONAL FIRES

### 2015 International Fire Code Section 307 & 308

Recreational type fires may occur in Grapevine under given conditions.

**A RECREATIONAL FIRE** is the burning of materials other than rubbish where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, or barbecue pit and with a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, or similar purposes. (*This fire includes ordinary campfires and other small fires used for the purposes as stated above.*)

**OUTDOOR FIRE PIT.** A place, structure or appliance that is designed and approved for the burning of combustible material that does not have a flue, chimney or duct and the combustion gases are emitted directly into the atmosphere.

**OUTDOOR FIREPLACE** – is a device or structure designed and constructed in accordance with recognized standards for the burning of natural combustible materials and releases the combustion gases through a flue, chimney, or duct. Example includes patio fireplaces – equipped with a metal screen enclosure, chimenias, etc.

**RUBBISH** – is waste material including, but not limited to, garbage, waste paper, and debris from construction or demolition.

- The burning of leaves, trash, cut wood or other material other than natural wood logs cut for such purpose or manufactured Duraflame™ type logs is prohibited.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure.
  - *Exception: One and Two family dwellings with appliances or equipment installed outdoors that use natural gas or LP gas to create recreational fires shall have that equipment installed in accordance with the adopted codes, the manufacturer's installation requirements and not be located within 10 feet of combustibles.*
- Recreational fires shall be in a place or appliance designed for such purpose, i.e. fire pit. The place (fire pit) shall consist of a fire ring constructed of rocks, metal ring, or noncombustible bowl. Open campfire type fires on the ground without a fire ring or other approved container are prohibited.
- Fire pits shall be clear of combustible vegetation for no less than ten feet in all directions.
- Fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available at all recreational fires and can consist of water hose, shovel, or fire extinguisher.
- Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person knowledgeable in the use of fire-extinguishing equipment as required by this policy.
- The Fire Chief or Fire Marshal is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to constitute a hazardous condition, are emitting obnoxious odors, or are producing visible smoke that may constitute a nuisance as defined in city ordinances.