

"OPEN BURNING"

“Open Burning” in outdoor fireplaces, chimineas and fire pits (for recreational purposes only) is allowed without notification to the fire official and is enjoyed by many residents in our municipality. However, there are certain general safety precautions that must be followed. Some include:

1. **PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING:** Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions and/or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. Fires shall be of the minimum size for the intended purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.
2. **WASTE DISPOSAL PROHIBITED:** Open burning shall not be utilized for waste purposes (no leaves, trash, construction materials).
3. **LOCATION:** The minimum required distance from a structure (home, building or garage) should be 25 feet where the fire size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. If the fire area is in excess of these sizes, the location shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.
4. **ATTENDANCE:** Open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher, with a minimum 4-A rating or a garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.

Always conduct “Open Burning” outdoors in accordance with all safety rules and regulations. In the event of any observed violation of these precautions, the County Fire Marshals office will be the enforcing authority and appropriate charges will be filed. We trust that you will continue to enjoy your fireplace in a safe and enjoyable manner.