



BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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Open Burning Guidelines: Bonfires, Recreational Fires and Portable Fireplaces

Bonfires:

1. A Fire Safety Permit is required from the Somerville Bureau of Fire Prevention.
2. A permit is required from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service - contact 973-786-6350 for details.
3. Bonfires shall be 50' or greater from a structure or combustible material.
4. Bonfires shall not exceed 5'x5'x5' in dimension.
5. Bonfires shall not burn for more than 3 hours.
6. Bonfires shall only burn seasoned dry firewood – NO other material is permitted to be burned.
7. Bonfires shall only be ignited with a small quantity of paper.
8. Bonfires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
9. A minimum of one fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4A rating, or other *approved* on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

Recreational Fires:

1. A permit is required from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service – contact 973-786-6350 for details.
2. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25' of a structure or combustible material.
3. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 15' of a structure or combustible material in an approved container.
4. Recreational fires shall not exceed 3' in diameter and 2' in height.
5. A minimum of one fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4A rating, or other *approved* on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces:

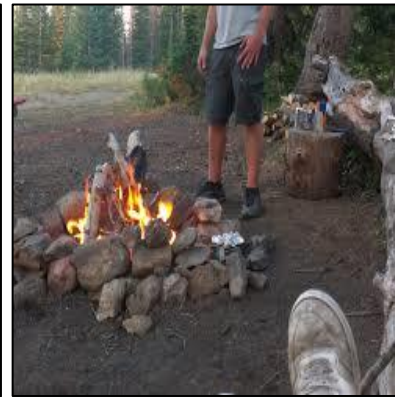
1. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
3. A minimum of one fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4A rating, or other *approved* on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

Examples:

Bonfires



Recreational Fires



Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

