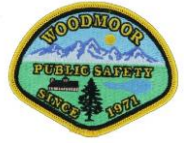




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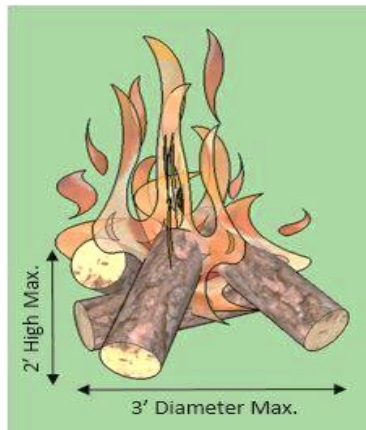
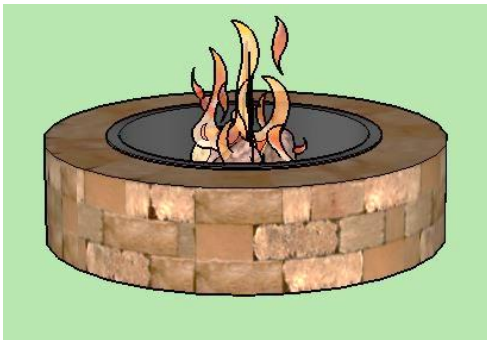
Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

INTRODUCTION:

As one of the largest threats to our community, the Woodmoor Improvement Association takes fire very seriously. This document contains the requirements of Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) for recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces at residential dwellings (including townhomes). Other entities (El Paso County Sheriff, National Weather Service, Tri Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, etc.) may have additional requirements which are not included in this document. The party utilizing a recreational fire or portable outdoor fireplace is responsible for confirmation that their activity is not in conflict with any requirements or restrictions by WIA or other entities.

DEFINITIONS

Recreational Fire: An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a **total fuel area** of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.



Portable Outdoor Fireplace: A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening at the top.



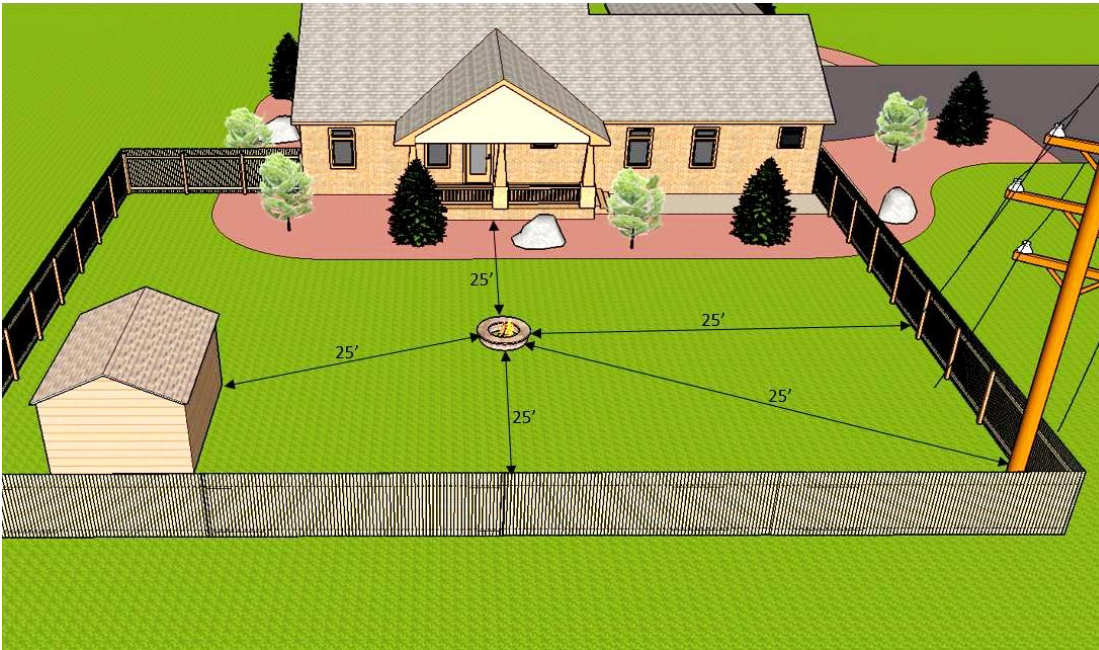


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FIRE LOCATION



Recreational fires, including those conducted in a portable outdoor fireplace, are **required** to be a minimum of 25-ft away from all combustible materials and structures, including houses, decks, fences, sheds, utility poles, etc. Other conditions, such as dry vegetation, pine needles, or leaves which could cause a fire to spread to within 25' of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. This could necessitate mowing and watering grass, trimming trees and shrubs, etc.

ALLOWABLE FIRE PIT CONTAINERS

The container used must be constructed of non-combustible material (steel, concrete, stone, etc.) and must be fully enclosed on all sides with no gaps. A spark arrestor (screen) constructed of woven or welded 12-gauge wire and with openings no larger than 1/4-inch must be in place and cover the entire fuel area from side to side.



Fire pits that are homemade or otherwise constructed by hand (not purchased from a retail store) must be approved by the Tri Lakes Fire Protection District Fire Marshal prior to use. WIA will conduct a site inspection, free of charge, to any resident who wishes to utilize recreational fire. The purpose of the inspection is to ensure safety as well as awareness and compliance with all requirements described in this document.

PERMISSIBLE FUELS

Firewood, logs (not longer than 3-ft) and manufactured "fire logs" are permitted for use as fuel. Slash, to include tree branches, leaves, pine needles, pinecones and other debris may not be burned. In addition, household trash, flammable liquids, hazardous materials, and similar items not specifically listed above as permissible are not allowed. At no time is the flame height allowed to exceed 4-ft when measured from the base of the fuel pile.



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ATTENDANCE

Recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces shall be attended by a responsible adult who has access to a telephone to notify the fire department if a problem develops. This attendance shall be constant and shall continue until the fire is completely extinguished.

If the fire extends beyond the area where you intended, call 911 IMMEDIATELY and report it!

EXTINGUISHMENT

Means of extinguishing the fire shall be present at all times and shall include at least one of the following:

- A pressurized water hose with spray nozzle
- A fully charged fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4A
- A 5-gallon bucket of water
- A 5-gallon bucket of sand with a shovel

BURN RESTRICTIONS

Use of recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces is prohibited during the following times:

1. When there is a “Red Flag Warning” issued by the National Weather Service:
<https://www.weather.gov/pub/>
2. When the Fire Weather Outlook for the day is “Elevated, Critical, or Extreme”:
https://www.spc.noaa.gov/products/fire_wx/
3. When there is an open burning restriction issued by the El Paso County Sheriff:
<https://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com/>
4. During periods of sustained or gusty winds that make the activity unsafe.

Open Burning

Open burning is never allowed in Woodmoor. Examples of open burning include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Use of a fire pit, outdoor fireplace, chiminea or similar without a spark arrestor in place
- Use of fire or torch to eliminate weeds or other unwanted vegetation
- Burning of debris, trash or vegetation outside of a fully enclosed fire pit
- Campfires

