

RESTRICTIONS REGARDING OUTDOOR WOOD FIRES

Q: We have a small, store –bought fire pit and were wondering if there were any restrictions on when and where we may use it to have small recreational wood fires. We are planning on using it on a brick surface and will not leave it unattended.

A: There are several restrictions to burning within the city. First it must be an approved device with a cover on it. Second there is a setback of 50 feet from any structure or combustible. It must not be for more than 3 hours and it is not permitted after 9 p.m. If the Fire Department receives a complaint, they will respond and require you to extinguish the fire. Over the past two summers this has been the number one complaint to the Fire Department. It is very difficult in the city limits to conduct this activity.