

AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Outdoor and Open Burning Rules & Regulations

1. REQUIREMENTS

- You must be the landowner to obtain a permit. If you are not, written permission from the landowner must be submitted to the fire department.
- You must be 18 years of age to obtain a written fire permit.
- Permitted fires shall not be within 50 ft. (15m) of any structure.
- Permitted fires shall not be within 25 ft. (7.6m) of any public way.
- Materials that could lead to the spread of a fire within 25 ft. (7.6m) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Burning hours shall be determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). For the purposes of this document the Auburn Fire Department, or its agents, will be considered the AHJ.
- Open fires and cooking fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have fire-extinguishing equipment readily available for use.
- Examples of fire extinguishing equipment include but are not limited to a garden hose connected to a water supply, shovels, rakes, ect.
- The open burning site shall be clear of overhead vegetation.
- When there is a dry spell or weather conditions that could affect open burning, the AHJ will have the authority to cancel all open burning.

2. BURNING WHERE NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED

- No permit is required for the use of a gas grill, charcoal grill, or hibachi. Grills will not be used in an area where there are roofs or floors above them and shall be spaced a minimum of 10 ft. away from any combustibles. They will not be located in the path of egresses or exit ways.
- No permit is required for the use of recreational campfires kindled when the ground is covered by snow.
- No permit is required for the use of outside fireplaces and/or fire pits, as long as they are used for warming and/or cooking.
- Recreational fires shall not be located within 25' (7.6 m) of a structure or combustible material unless contained in an approved manner.
- Purchased above ground fire pits shall be installed per the manufacture's installation requirements.

3. PROHIBITED ITEMS TO BURN

Prohibited items include but are not limited to:

- Painted or treated wood
- Tires
- Rubber products
- Tar
- Paint or solvents sludge
- Asphalt shingles
- Rubbish or refuse
- Garbage
- Paper, cardboard or wooden boxes
- Leaves
- Wire insulation
- Animal remains

Fires that create a nuisance or are considered dangerous by fire department staff, will be extinguished and the permit for that day be revoked.