



## ANDOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# Recreational Burning

Recreational fires are allowed but subject to the following limitations:

Recreational fires will be allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Sunday thru Saturday. Recreational fires will not be allowed for more than three consecutive days at the same property or location.

Fires shall always to be attended by a responsible person who understands the rules for burning, and who can also use the extinguishing equipment that must be present. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been properly extinguished. Shovels, buckets of water, and a garden hose are considered proper equipment.

The fire can be no larger than 3 feet x 3 feet and flames no higher than 3 feet. Large bon fires are not permitted.

- The fire must be constructed in a “fire ring” and/or pit at least 25 feet away from any structure.
- The wind speed must be below 10 miles per hour.
- Flammable liquids may not be used to start any recreational fire.
- If a burning ban is in effect, all recreational fires are prohibited.
- Only clean, dried wood (like what is burned in a living room fireplace) or charcoal is permitted to be burned. Absolutely no grass, leaves, or brush can be burned.

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The following are prohibited materials and **cannot** be burned:

1. Tires, rubber or rubber products
2. Chemically treated lumber
3. Railroad ties, telephone poles
4. Plastic pesticide or herbicide containers
5. Chemicals of any kind
6. Plastic liners in seed, feed, or pesticide bags
7. Any plastic containers or other household waste
8. Tar paper, shingles, or other asphalt materials
9. Insulation
10. Composition board or sheet rock
11. Construction materials
12. Wiring, insulation on wiring, or cable
13. Hazardous waste (including household hazardous waste)
14. Commercial or institutional structures
15. Paint or paint filters
16. Used motor oil or other petroleum-based liquids
17. Vehicles, motors, or parts of vehicles or motors
18. Furniture
19. Other items or materials as determined by the Fire Chief to not be appropriate

Violations of any of the above rules will result in the immediate extinguishment of the fire. These and any other violation of the open burning laws could result in loss of the right to have recreational fires and may result in a citation.

Liability: The granting of an open burning permit or allowance of open burning without a permit does not excuse a person or persons from consequences, damages, or injuries which may result from open burning. You are responsible for any damage caused by your fire.

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