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Open Burning*Portable Outdoor Fireplaces*Recreational Fires*Bonfires

For all allowed fires:

- Fires shall be constantly attended by a competent adult until the fire is completely extinguished
- One 4-A rated portable fire extinguisher, or extinguishing method such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.
- The fire code official, fire chief, police chief, or their designates are authorized to order the extinguishment of a fire if the smoke is offensive or objectionable or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
- The use of flammable liquids to start and/or maintain a fire is prohibited.

Open Burning:

- The burning of materials where the products of combustion are emitted directly into the air without passing through a stack or chimney.
- The burning of natural vegetation, garbage, rubbish, and trade wastes is prohibited.
- Does not include road flares, smudge pots, or anything associated with specific occupational uses.
- Does not include recreational fires.
- Does not include portable outdoor fireplaces.

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces:

- Shall be a minimum of 15 feet from structures and other combustible materials.
- Only solid fuels are allowed: non-pressure-treated wood, charcoal or fireplace logs.
- Constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other noncombustible material.
- Shall have a screen at the top to prevent large embers that may cause a fire from escaping into the atmosphere.
- Shall be in good repair and safe condition

Recreational Fires:

- An outdoor fire used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.
- Shall be a minimum of 25 feet from structures and other combustible materials
- Dry grass, leaves, and other combustibles must be cleared a minimum of 10 feet around the fire area
- Fuel may not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height
- Only solid fuels are allowed, non-pressure-treated wood, charcoal or fireplace logs.

Bonfires:

- An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes
- Only allowed by Permit
- Shall be a minimum of 50 feet from a structure or other combustible materials
- There will be further guidelines as defined by the fire code official per specific circumstances.

Warminster Township Ordinance 578 & 692 (IFC)