

Open Burning and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces Guidelines



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A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with the following:

- *Open-flame cooking devices.** Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices (i.e., BBQ's) shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within **10 feet** of combustible construction not protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
- *Portable outdoor fireplaces.** Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within **15 feet** of a structure or combustible material.
- *Bonfires.** A bonfire shall **not** be conducted within Tucson Fire's jurisdiction
- *Recreational Fires.** An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque 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. **The burning of dead or cut vegetation, waste material, or rubbish is prohibited.**
 - Recreational fires shall not be conducted within **25 feet** of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
 - **Extinguishment authority.** Where open burning creates or adds to a hazardous condition, the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.
 - **Attendance.** Open burning, recreational fires, and portable outdoor fireplaces shall be **constantly attended** until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.
- *Sky lanterns.** A person shall **not** release or cause to be released an untethered sky lantern.