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RECREATIONAL FIRE REGULATIONS #2008-002

Open burning of lumber, pallets, wooden shingles, scrap wood, brush, tree trimmings, leaves, yard waste, cardboard, paper, garbage, and other similar items, **is not permitted.**

Recreational fires are permitted in the residential area without a fire department permit as long as the following rules are observed:

1. Only natural fire wood cut in short lengths less than 2 feet may be burned.
2. The fire must be contained in a ring or pit not exceeding 3 feet in diameter.
3. Fire rings or pits must be located a minimum of 25 feet from structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences. Manufactured freestanding fire pits must be located a minimum of Twenty-Five (25) feet from any structures or combustibles such as houses, garages, sheds wood piles and wood fences.
4. The fire must be constantly attended and supervised by an adult until the fire has been completely extinguished.
5. A connected garden hose or other means to extinguish the fire must be readily available.
6. The use of flammable or combustible liquid accelerants is not permitted.
7. Recreational fires are not permitted on windy days when the smoke may create a nuisance for nearby neighbors.
8. Recreational fires are not permitted on commercial or industrial sites, or sites with construction activities.
9. Police and Fire Department officers are authorized to require that a recreational fire be immediately extinguished and discontinued if it is determined that the fire is not in compliance with the above rules, the smoke is offensive to nearby neighbors, or the burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

Violations of these fire rules are misdemeanor offenses requiring a court appearance and punishable by fines up to \$1000 and/or 90 days in jail.

If you have any questions, please call 218-828-2312