

# Recreational Fires Guidelines:

Recreational fires must meet the requirements described below, as set forth in the Ohio Fire Code and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Recreational fires in the Bryan Fire Department response area do not require a permit.

Recreational fires must meet the following requirements:

- Must be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
- Only clean, seasoned fire wood or equivalent shall be used.
- Shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- Conditions which would cause the fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Must be constantly attended until extinguished.
- Fire extinguishing equipment must be present and available for immediate use: fire extinguisher, garden hose, etc.
- It is not offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions.
- **Burning of waste or rubbish for disposal is prohibited.**

Recreational fires in approved containers: (Chimineas, portable outdoor fireplaces, and similar products)

- Must be used in accordance with manufactures instructions.
- Shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- Must be constantly attended until extinguished.
- Fire extinguishing equipment must be present and available for immediate use: fire extinguisher, garden hose, etc.
- Only clean, seasoned fire wood, natural gas, propane or equivalent shall be used.
- It is not offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions.
- **Burning of waste or rubbish for disposal is prohibited.**

If the Bryan Fire Department determines a fire to be “Objectionable” or “Hazardous”, the fire must be immediately extinguished.

Be a good neighbor

- If you are concerned that neighbors might confuse your recreational fire with a destructive one, you may call the Bryan Police & Fire Dispatch at 419 636 4233 and tell them you are having a recreational fire.
- If your neighbor complains because of smoke or fear of fire spreading, your fire will be considered “Objectionable” or “Hazardous.”
- Keep your fire away from the property line.
- Use only clean dry wood, don't allow the fire to smolder, and keep it burning good and hot to minimize smoke.

**All other Open Burning requires Ohio Environmental Protection Agency approval and a *Bryan Fire Department* Open Burn Permit.**