



OPEN BURNING **OUTDOOR FIREPLACES** **AND** **RECREATIONAL FIRES**

Every year injuries occur due to recreational fires or fires used to burn trash or landscape waste. These type fires can also damage nearby structures or vehicles if they get out of control or are left unattended. To reduce this hazard, the Lombard Fire Prevention Bureau offers the following fire prevention codes and information.

OPEN BURNING IS **PROHIBITED!**

- * **Outdoor Fireplaces and Fire Pits are not allowed for recreational fires at multi-family residences (apartments or condominiums).**
- * *Check VOL website prior to starting a fire. A burning ban may be in place due to weather conditions.*

*** Outside Fire Pits or Fireplaces with a gas line or ones proposed closer than 15 feet to a structure will be required to obtain a building permit.**

** Be aware of overhead powerlines and trees.*

** Only clean, dry, seasoned firewood shall be used as fuel.*

*** Recreational fires shall not be used to dispose of landscape material such as leaves, shrubbery, and grass.**

*** Recreational fires shall not be used for the disposal of building materials, refuse or other trash.**

** Fires that are not in approved containers will be limited in size to 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.*

** Recreational fires without screen or lid cannot be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials (including fences)*

** Fires in approved containers (i.e. portable fireplaces) can be 15 feet from any structure or combustible materials but, cannot be placed on wood decks.*



Example of Approved Container

*** Recreational fires in Outdoor Fireplaces or Fire Pits shall be attended by an adult constantly until the fire is extinguished.**

*** Means to extinguish the fire must be available for immediate use such as a fire extinguisher, dirt, sand, water barrel, and garden hose.**

** Fire that produce offensive smoke or objectionable odors will be prohibited.*

*** Dial 911 to report a burning complaint **.**

****The commanding officer at the scene of a burning complaint is authorized to order the extinguishment of a fire which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, or is in violation of the adopted codes and ordinances.**



OUTDOOR COOKING

Everybody loves an outdoor barbecue. However, outdoor cooking can also lead to tragedy when carelessness causes serious burns. The LOMBARD FIRE DEPARTMENT offers the following safety checklist to use when cooking outdoors.

*** Grills should never be brought inside a house, tent, or recreational vehicle, because of the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning in sealed or confined areas.**

**** LP-gas grills having a capacity greater than 1 pound shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction**

**** Charcoal grills and other open flame cooking devices shall not be operated on a combustible balcony or within 10 feet of combustible construction.**

****The cooking device restrictions as listed above apply to multi-family structures only.**

CHARCOAL GRILLS

*** When lighting a grill, the safest fire starters are chemicals in cake form or an electric charcoal starter.**

*** Never add fire starter after you have started your grill. The heat could ignite the stream of liquid and burn back into the can, causing serious burns. To speed a slow fire, tuck dry kindling under the charcoal.**

*** After cooking, soak the coals in water. Dispose of charcoal in a metal container with a tight lid. Many fires are started because hot coals, thought to be cool, were dumped in the trash.**

*** A bag of damp or wet charcoal should be immediately disposed of, as it can spontaneously combust.**

GAS GRILLS

*** Follow lighting instructions carefully.**

*** Check tank hose connection for tightness.**

*** Check hoses for cracks, splits and leaks.**

*** Do not use grill if any leaks are present.**

*** Gas grills are not allowed on balconies of multi-family units.**

*** If you store a spare tank, keep the safety plug tight, and store the tank in a cool, well-ventilated area.**

We hope you enjoy a safe and delicious outdoor cooking season!

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