



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

OPEN BURNING

What is Open Burning? Open burning is the burning of a bonfire, vegetation debris, or other fire in an outdoor location, where fuel is **not** contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, fire pit, or barbecue grill.

OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED!

OUTDOOR FIREPLACES and RECREATIONAL FIRE PITS

Fire Prevention Code to follow:

- Outdoor Fireplaces or Fire Pits with a gas line, or ones proposed closer than 15 feet to a structure, will be required to obtain a building permit.
- Recreational fires without a screen or lid cannot be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material, including fences.
- Fires in approved containers (i.e. portable fireplaces) must be 15 feet from any structure or combustible materials, including wooden decks.
- Fires that are not in approved containers will be limited in size to three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.
- Only clean, dry, seasoned firewood shall be used as fuel.
- Fires in Outdoor Fireplaces or Fire Pits shall be attended by an adult, at all times, 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, or garden hose.
- Be aware of overhead powerlines and trees.



What is NOT Allowed:

- Outdoor Fireplaces or Fire Pits are not allowed for recreational fires on the balconies of any apartment or condominium structure.
- Recreational fires shall not be used to dispose of landscape material such as leaves, shrubbery, or grass.
- Recreational fires shall not be used for the disposal of building materials, refuse, or other trash.
- Fires that produce offensive smoke or objectional odors are prohibited.
- A burning ban may be in place due to weather conditions. Please check the Village Website prior to starting a fire.

TO REPORT A BURNING COMPLAINT

DIAL 911

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 objectional situation, or is in violation of the adopted codes and ordinances.

OUTDOOR COOKING

Everybody loves an outdoor barbeque. However, outdoor cooking can also lead to tragedy when carelessness occurs. The Lombard Fire Department offers the following safety checklist to use when cooking outdoors.

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

MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURES

- Charcoal grills or other open flame cooking devices, shall not be operated on the balconies of apartment or condominium structures, or within 10 feet of combustible construction.
- LP-Gas grills, having a capacity greater than one pound, shall not be operated on the balconies of apartment or condominium structures, or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

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.
- 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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