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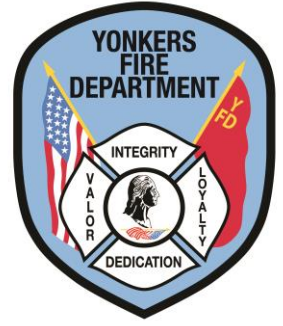
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OPEN BURNING, BONFIRES, RECREATIONAL FIRES AND PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

In regards to *recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces*, the following requirements are in accordance with the 2020 FIRE CODE OF NEW YORK STATE, Section 307, and shall be complied with at all times:

Definitions

- *Bonfire* – An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.
- *Open burning* – The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include recreational fires or use of portable outdoor fireplaces.
- *Portable Outdoor Fireplace* – A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and short chimney or chimney opening in the top.
- *Recreational fire* – 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.

Open Burning and Bonfires

- Open burning and bonfires are prohibited within City of Yonkers limits.
- Where open burning or bonfires occur, extinguishment by Yonkers Fire Department is authorized.

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces (containment is manufactured)

- Shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Shall not be used within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material unless manufacturer states further.
 - Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two-family dwellings.

Recreational Fires (containment constructed on site)

- Fire pit must not exceed 3 feet diameter, and 2 feet in height. Solid fuel height not to exceed containment height.
- Spark arrestor/cover to be used during burning to contain embers.
- Shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- Conditions that would allow fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Attendance

- Recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A minimum on one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or a charged garden hose with spray nozzle capable of delivering water at a safe distance to the fire is approved for use.

Fire cannot create a nuisance. Smoke and/or odors may be considered a nuisance.