



**CHARLOTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE  
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CHARLOTTE, NC 28206**



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## **Recreational Fires Requirements**

The Charlotte Fire Department manages fire code requirements for recreational fires within the City of Charlotte. Recreational fires can be used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. Recreational fires cannot be used to burn household trash, yard debris (leaves, brush, stumps, etc.), or construction materials.

### **Recreational Fires**

- Fire must be at least 25 feet from structures and other combustible materials.
- Fuel area may not exceed 3 feet in diameter may not exceed 2 feet in height.
- Only solid fuels are allowed (no rubbish).
- Dry grass leaves and other combustibles must be cleared for a minimum of 10 feet around the fire area.
- Any condition which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure must be eliminated. Fire must be constantly attended by a competent adult.
- A portable fire extinguisher or garden hose must be in place for immediate use.
- Fires emitting smoke determined to be harmful to surrounding property owners, or when local circumstances make such fires hazardous, Fire Department can request you to put your fire out, please comply.

### **Portable Outdoor Fireplaces**

- Must be at least 15 feet from structures and other combustible materials.
- Only solid fuels are allowed (no rubbish).
- Must be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Must be constantly attended by a competent adult.
- A portable fire extinguisher or a garden hose must be in place for immediate use.
- Fires emitting smoke determined to be harmful to surrounding property owners, or when local circumstances make such fires hazardous, Fire Department can request you to put your fire out, please comply.

NOTE: Contact the Charlotte Fire Department Fire Marshal's office at 704.336.2101 for further information.