



Fire Pit Requirements

For more information:

See Ordinance No. 982,
Title 9. Chapter 1—Recreational Fire Guidelines

Copy is available at City Hall or
online at www.valleycity.us

The Fire Chief may issue rules and regulations regarding recreational fires consistent with this section.

Location & size of fire pit:

- Recreational fires **cannot be located within fifteen (15) feet of a structure** (including decks and fences) **or other combustible material** unless they are in an approved container designed for this purpose, such as a screened appliance.
- A recreational fire fuel area (i.e., fire pit/pot) cannot be more than three feet (3') by three feet (3') wide and no more than sixteen inches (16") in height. Burn pits or pots of said parameters shall be approved for burning. The burning wood must be completely within the appliance.

Open Burning is not allowed:

- Open burning (not enclosed in a burn container as specified herein) is not allowed unless a permit is acquired from the Fire Chief pursuant to application with the Fire Department of the City of Valley City. This permit is given out with strict provisions.

Appropriate material for recreational fires:

- **The following materials are approved for use in recreational fires:**
 - twigs, small branches, logs, and small lumber.
- **The following materials are prohibited for use as burning materials:**
 - garbage, paper material, painted or chemically treated lumber, and leaves.

Extinguishing recreational fires:

- All recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A **five pound (5lb) ABC – 3A rated fire extinguisher** or **water hose** shall be available for immediate use and shall be attended at all times while being operated.
- Any recreational fire that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions is prohibited.

Wind Conditions:

- Recreational fire burning is allowed when wind conditions are minimal or calm.
- **Recreational fire burning shall be prohibited during a Fire Ban.**

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