



Davis Fire Department

Fire Prevention Division

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Outdoor Residential Recreational Burning Requirements

Residential recreational outdoor burning includes burning in fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and similar freestanding devices, campfires and bonfires. A recreational fire may involve the cooking of food. Davis residents are not required to obtain a permit for a recreational fire on private property. A permit is required for a recreational fire on public property pursuant Davis Municipal Code Article 13.03. This guideline does not pertain to agricultural and yard burning.

Options for Recreational Outdoor Burning:

- **Portable Outdoor Fire Pits and Outdoor Fireplaces:** These devices fully contain the fire by means of non-combustible walls and a metal screen of grate and shall be utilized according to manufacturer's instructions.
All portable outdoor fires must be located at least 5 feet horizontally from structures and combustible materials and 5 feet vertically below trees.
- **Recreational Fires:** These outdoor fires can have no more than a total burning area of 4 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height.
The fire must be fully contained by means of a ring or pit and must be located a minimum of 15 feet horizontally from structures and combustible materials and 15 feet vertically below trees.
- **Bonfires:** Fires larger than recreational fires are considered bonfires. Contact the Davis Fire Department prior to conducting a bonfire.
The bonfire must be located at least 50 feet horizontally from structures and combustible materials. No tree canopy may be located above a bonfire.

General Requirements:

- All outdoor recreational fires must be constantly monitored and attended by a responsible adult until the fire is completely extinguished. For a fire to be considered extinguished it must be cold to the touch.
- A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as sand, a water barrel or a garden hose must be available for immediate utilization.
- Fuel used for a recreational fire must be natural wood. Items such as dimensional lumber, plywood, wood containing paint or any kind of decorative finish and trash of any kind shall not be burned.
- Weather conditions at the time of the fire must be taken into consideration. High wind, low relative humidity and high temperature creates unsafe conditions and may cause a fire to spread beyond control.

The Davis Fire Department will immediately extinguish any burning that constitutes a hazardous condition.

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