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Guidelines for Outdoor Fireplaces & Fire Pits

Outdoor fireplaces, fire pits and other outdoor recreational fire containers are subject to regulations adopted by the Village for life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire. Movable and permanent outdoor fireplaces and fire pits must comply with the 2003 International Fire Code for their location on a lot. Permanent outdoor fireplaces and fire pits must also comply with the Zoning Ordinance for size, height and location of the structure on a lot.

General Regulations:

1. Rubbish and yard waste are not permitted to be burned.
2. Fire must be attended constantly until fire is extinguished.
3. Must be able to extinguish fire with immediately available fire extinguisher, sand, garden hose, water barrel or dirt.
4. If there are neighbor complaints of offensive or objectionable smoke or odor emissions, Village officials can order fire to be extinguished.

Movable Outdoor Fireplaces & Fire Pits: (no Building Permit required)

1. Movable outdoor fireplaces and fire pits in approved containers must be not less than 15 feet from a structure, such as your house, your neighbor's house, a fence, a garage or a shed.
2. All other recreational fires must be not less than 25 feet from a structure.
3. A Building Permit is not required for a movable outdoor fireplace, fire pit, or other recreational fire, but the 2003 International Fire Code regulations listed in no. 1 & 2 above and other regulations must be followed.

Permanent Outdoor Fireplaces & Fire Pits: (Building Permit required)

1. Permanent outdoor fireplaces and fire pits require a Building Permit and must comply with zoning and building code regulations.
 - Submit Building Permit Application for Impervious Surfaces and Zoning Worksheet for review of existing and proposed impervious surface areas. Impervious surfaces include outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, patios, walkways, open stairways, decks, driveways and similar structures. Setbacks from lot lines and height of structures are also reviewed.
 - Along with Application and Worksheet, submit copy of Plat of Survey, site plan with proposed impervious surfaces shown, and details of outdoor fireplace or fire pit.
 - After Building Permit is issued, the Village will inspect the installation.
2. Outdoor fireplaces and fire pits must be not less than 15 feet from a structure, such as your house, your neighbor's house, a fence, a garage or a shed in compliance with the 2003 International Fire Code.

Call Community Development Department at (847) 251-1666 with any questions