



In these spring months and summer months ahead, our attention has turned to outdoor activities such as BBQ grills and recreational fires. It is a common time to have these outdoor fires at home. While we want you to enjoy this time, we here at Eaton Fire Protection District want to keep you, your loved ones, and the community safe; we do allow recreational fires and listed below are general guidelines to help keep them safe.

BBQ grill safety

Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two- family dwellings
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1-pound (0.454kg) LP-gas capacity].

Therefore, if you live in an apartment building or other multifamily dwelling there is to be no open flame devices on your balcony and deck that are closer than 10 feet of combustible construction. The exception is one- and two-family dwellings.

Also, the exception includes balconies and decks that are protected by an automatic sprinkler system and that the use of a propane grill if it is a 2 ½ pound tank.

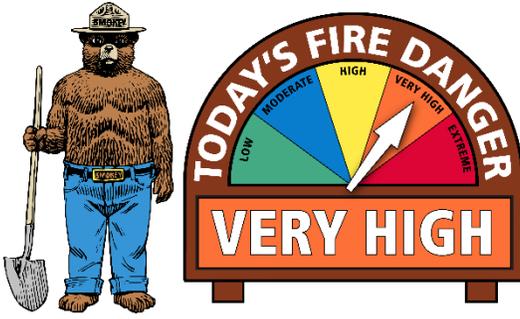
In addition, keep in mind, never leave a fire unattended and keeping your grill clean.

Recreational fire safety

Fires in approved containers such chiminea, metal ring, outdoor fireplace, or a metal container with a wire mesh screen around need to be a minimum distance of 15 feet away from a structure or any combustible materials. Combustible materials include but not limited to wood fences and decks, garages, sheds, shrubs and over-hanging trees. A recreational fire can only be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. If the recreational fire is not in an approved container the minimum distance from any structure or combustible material will be 25 feet and the recreational fire is limited to 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

For a recreational fire only charcoal, manufactured fire logs, or clean natural dry firewood is to be used for fuel that is in designated areas on public lands or on private property. Recreational fires are not to be tree trimmings, yard waste, leaves, grass, trash, rubbish or other combustible materials.

No burning will be allowed during a period of Air Pollution Emergency or Alert. It is the responsibility of the person who is conducting an open burn, recreational burn, to know if an emergency such as Red Flag conditions are in effect.



No open burning, no recreational fires, are allowed when winds are greater than 5 mph.

Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is fully extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

Recreational fires can only be conducted from the hours of 7:00 am and be completely extinguished by 11:00pm.

When open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, The Eaton Fire Protection District is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.

Eaton Fire Protection District will prohibit open burning and recreational burning if it is found offensive or objectionable due to fire, smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions make such fire a nuisance, risk, health concern, hazardous or endangering to persons.

Examples of approved containers for recreational fires: *



The Eaton Police Department thanks Eaton Fire District for their commitment to bring fire awareness to the Town of Eaton Residents!