

Chiminea and Fire Pit Safety

Chimineas (also called “patio fireplaces”)



typically come in two types — clay and cast iron. They are not easily moveable so great care to be taken when deciding where to place one. They can be heavy and will break if dropped.

Chimineas should be placed away from any overhanging trees, branches or brushes. The exhaust coming out of the top of the chiminea has velocity which causes the heat will rise far beyond the top of the chimney.

Chimineas will get hot very fast. Therefore, it is important to wear a set of thick, long sleeved stove gloves when using one. A simple touch will create a very painful blister.



Fire pits can be found in all shapes and sizes. A fire pit is an open container—such as a dish or bowl—that is mounted on a stand. Fire pits are more susceptible to the wind than a chiminea. You should place your fire pit in an open area to allow for flying ashes and drifting smoke. Safety screens are highly recommended to minimize such debris.



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▶ A Citizen's Guide to Carlisle's Recreational Fire Requirements



The Safe Way to Enjoy Your Backyard Fire



A Citizen's Guide to Recreational Fires



Make your backyard safe and fun by following a few safety rules.

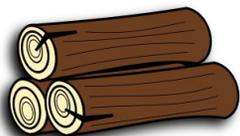
Outdoor recreational fires are often a popular event during the summer and fall. Before you pull out the hot dogs or marshmallows, take a few moments to make sure that your fire meets the Carlisle safety standards and regulations.

Carlisle has established several local regulations regarding outdoor recreational fires. In addition to the local

standards, there are state regulations that must also be enforced. These rules and regulations serve to ensure the safety of Carlisle citizens and their property as well as the overall quality of life in the community.

If your fire is found to be in violation of the rules, you are required to extinguish it. Failure to do so may result with you being charged for violating local and/or state burn regulations.

Brush and yard waste are specifically prohibited from being burned as the smoke carries spores into the air. Only clean, dry seasoned fire wood is permitted to be burned. Trash, leaves, and any wood that is green, treated or painted may not be used either to start or continue a fire.



Recreational fires contained in a chiminea, outdoor fire place or barbeque grill must be at least 15 feet away from a structure, fence or other combustible item.

Fires that are in a fire ring or fire pit must be at least 25 feet from a structure, fence or other combustible item. A fire ring or fire pit can be no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet, and the flames cannot consistently be higher than 3 feet.

All fires must be constantly attended, and they are to be extinguished when left unattended for any length of time. An extinguishing device must be near the fire at all times. Approved devices include a garden hose (hooked to a working water source), a



fire extinguisher with a minimum 4A rating (listed on the extinguisher), a large bucket of water, a bucket of sand or other material suitable for smothering a fire.

Any combustible items that could lead to the spread of a fire must be removed from the area prior to igniting the fire. Lawn furniture, dry grass, flammable fluids, etc. need to be kept away from the heat.



An unattended fire can quickly get out of control.

Recreational fires also must not produce a large amount of smoke that creates offensive or objectionable conditions that interfere with neighboring residents' use and enjoyment of their property.



If a resident complains about smoke drifting onto their property, or if the smoke worsens a medical condition, the fire must be extinguished.

The best thing to do when making a recreational fire is to use common sense. Do not build a fire when the wind is blowing briskly or has high gusts. Do not start a fire when the land is dry due to an extended lack of rainfall. Talk with your neighbors before you make a fire and create a respectful agreement that will allow you to enjoy a fire without creating a hazardous or unhealthy condition.

Your safety is our primary concern. The Carlisle Fire Department encourages resident to contact them with any questions or concerns.



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