

Recreational Fires

Definition: An outdoor fire burning material other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor structural fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total “fuel area” of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height and is burned for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. N.J.A.C. 5:70-302.1

The use of a defined container must be that of which the container has been designed. These containers are commonly found in the nature of a store bought chiminea, barbequing grill, outdoor fireplace or fire pit. All of these devices are designed to contain heat in the “fuel area” via the sides and/or enclosure and expel the heat and exhaust gases through a cover designated by the manufacturer.

Some tips to follow for use

Use according to the manufacturer’s designed intention for use.

Make use of all protective covers, screens or meshes.

Heed to the concerns of others (neighbors) that may find the use offensive or objectionable.

Operate at a minimum required distance from a structure or building of 15 feet.

Do not use within 5 feet of combustible construction.

Never leave a burning device unattended.

The device should not be used to burn trash, weeds, grass, leaves or other ground clippings.

More info? Contact the Verona Fire Prevention Bureau (973) 857-4761