

Recreational Fire Continued

3. Portable fire pits may be used within the requirements of (1) above and must be located on a permanent fixed site with a non-combustible surface (i.e. dirt without vegetation, stone, gravel, concrete, brick, etc.) with area twice the diameter of the portable fire pit device.

4. No recreational fire shall be started or allowed to continue burning when the wind direction or wind speed will cause smoke, embers, or other burning materials to be carried by the wind toward any building or other combustible materials. Smoke from any recreational fires shall not create a nuisance for the neighboring property owners. The fire shall be extinguished immediately upon the complaint of the neighboring property owner of any smoke nuisance.

5. Materials for recreational fires shall not include rubbish, garbage, recycled items, trash, dead vegetation and leaves, materials made of or coated with rubber, plastic, leather, or petroleum based materials, and shall not contain any flammable or combustible liquids.

6. Adequate fire suppression equipment shall be immediately available to extinguish or control the recreational fire. Adequate suppression equipment such as shovels, fire extinguishers, water hoses, or other like equipment sufficient to extinguish the fire if necessary, shall be within ten (10) feet of the recreational fire.

7. All recreational fires shall be attended at all times by at least one responsible person of age 19 or older from the ignition of the fire until the fire is completely extinguished.

8. The property owner and/or person who has started any recreational fire shall hold the Village harmless from any and all such liability for any damage caused by a recreational fire.

9. Any party who has started or maintains a recreational fire as defined herein shall pay and all costs incurred by the fire department for any service related call as a result of a recreational fire **not** in compliance with the requirements above.



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SUSSEX FIRE PREVENTION

*OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS &
RECREATIONAL FIRE SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS*



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Municipal Code 5.18 (7) Burning Regulated

(A) Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall burn, or cause to be burned:

1. Garbage.
2. Any material liberating a toxic substance or combustion, or producing a noxious odor, or creating a health hazard or nuisance.
3. Any material within 25 feet of a building or 10 feet of a lot line.
4. Flammable liquids or other materials which create a fire hazard.
5. Grass, fields, brush, woods, or similar open area.
6. Combustibles in any amount outside of a container.

(B) The Fire Chief may issue written permits, for fires otherwise prohibited by this section, and may impose such additional conditions and requirements as deemed necessary for the public safety and welfare. The Chief may refuse such permit completely if they conclude the proposed burning would be hazardous, unsafe, or otherwise harmful.



(C) Permits shall not be required for burning combustibles, except those enumerated in Section 5.18(7)(A) of the Fire Prevention Code, in a fire resistant container not larger than 55 gallons, having a wire mesh cover with openings of 1/2 inch or less, which container is more than 25 feet from a building or ten (10) feet of a lot line, flammable liquids or other materials which create a fire hazard, or in a location approved in writing by the Fire Chief, provided the fire is watched at all times and controlled, and adequate fire protection facilities such as garden hose or fire extinguisher, are available and ready for instant use.

(D) No burning shall be allowed between sunset and sunrise, and all fires must be completely extinguished by sunset. No burning shall be allowed when the wind velocity exceeds 9 miles per hour as indicated by the U. S. Weather Bureau of Milwaukee or the Wisconsin Telephone Company Weather Information Service.

(E) Exemptions. The following are exempt from the provisions of this section:

1. Cooking fires in barbecue pits, grills, and outdoor fireplaces.
2. The operation of home incinerators inside a dwelling.

(F) Small businesses, commercial enterprises, and industries may not use burn barrels or engage in other kinds of open burning and may not be granted burning permits by municipalities. However, the prohibition on burn barrels



does not apply to small businesses in which the owners reside at the same location and cannot separate their business waste from their household waste.

(G) Definitions.

1. Recreational Fires - Any fire such as a campfire or cooking fire located at a single or two family private residences for the purpose of recreation and personal enjoyment.

2. Portable Fire Pits - Commercially designed and intended to contain and control outdoor wood fires.

(H) Requirements for Recreational Fires.

1. No recreational fire shall be closer than 10 feet from any building, structure, shed, garage, trees, shrubs, bushes, fence, or any other combustible materials.

2. All recreational fires shall be in a below ground fire pit with a maximum depth of 10 inches and a diameter of two (2) feet and the fire may not extend more than 2 feet above the pit. The fire pit shall be surrounded on the outside, above ground, by a non-combustible material such as concrete block or rocks.

