



CITY OF GARDNER FIRE DEPARTMENT

COOKING/CAMP FIRE POLICY

Cooking/Camp Fires are permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. Residents should call the Fire Department at 978-630-4051 before having a Cooking/Camp fire. Fires may be prohibited due to weather conditions.
2. Fires must be attended at all times by a person 18 years of age or older.
3. Fires must be contained in a fireplace or fire pit surrounded by rocks, bricks, cinder blocks, or similar noncombustible material. Fire pits are limited to 3' in diameter.
4. Commercially available fireplaces or chimeneas are allowed provided they are on the ground or other noncombustible surface. They are prohibited on decks/porches.
5. Fires must be kept small (no more than 3' high) and not create a smoke nuisance.
6. Fires must be a minimum of 15' from any combustible structure (including buildings, decks, sheds, fences, etc.)
7. Fires must be fueled by natural, chemical-free wood. Trash, rubbish, and construction debris are prohibited. No full pallets.
8. A water source to extinguish the fire must be available in the immediate vicinity.
9. Fires must be completely extinguished when finished.

The Fire Department can order any fire extinguished that does not meet these conditions, or is determined to be a hazard or nuisance.

Remember, a Cooking/Camp Fire is **NOT** a bon fire.

Enjoy the evening and have a good time, but please be careful.

Regulating Authority: Mass General Law Ch. 148, Sec. 5; 527 CMR 1.00 10.11.2; 310 CMR 7.06;
310 CMR 7.07; 310 CMR 7.08