



Pottstown Fire Department

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Use of Fire Pits, Fire Bowls, Chimineas and Portable Outdoor Fire Places

The use of Fire Pits, Fire Bowls, Chimineas and other similar appliances has become popular in our Community. The Pottstown Fire Department would like to share with you the criteria for their safe use.

- A permit from the Fire Marshal is not required.
- There must be one person at least 18 years of age to assume responsibility for the use of these appliances.
- Use in accordance to the manufacturer's guidelines.
- Once you purchase this appliance, keep these guidelines in a safe place for future reference.
- Fire Bowls, Chimineas and similar portable devices must be at least 15 feet away from any combustible surface.
- Keep a clear area (clear meaning free of anything that can burn) of at least 3 feet in diameter around the appliance. Please remember that mulch can burn so keep your appliance at least 3 feet away from mulch as well.
- Do not use or store Fire Bowls, Chimineas or similar devices on a balcony or deck.
- Burn only aged dried wood. The burning of any type of construction materials, vegetation or trash is prohibited.
- Do not use any type of flammable or combustible liquid at any time.
- Have a garden hose connected to a constant water source available and close by.
- Smoke cannot cause a nuisance. Be mindful of the wind speed prior to starting this type of fire.
- Dispose of all ashes in a safe manner.
- Do not use on Code Orange or Code Red Air Quality days.
- Do not use on Red Flag Weather days.



Please keep in mind, that if the Fire Department is contacted and determines your situation to be a fire hazard or a nuisance, the Fire Department can require you to extinguish your fire.

If additional questions arise, please contact the Fire Marshal