

Recreational Fires

A recreational fire is an outdoor fire burning materials other than yard debris, rubbish and prohibited materials where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, or barbecue pit, and has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height, for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

A portable outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other noncombustible material. Example units can include, but shall not be limited to, fireplaces, metal or stone chiminea, and commercial fire pits. Hand-dug fire pits are allowed. Fireplaces may be of open design, may be equipped with a small hearth, and may have a short chimney.

Outdoor fires may be used when the following precautions are taken:

- Recreational fires shall not be conducted with 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- All manufacturers' suggestions, instructions, and safety precautions are taken to ensure that outdoor fireplace units operate as intended.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material (Note – portable gas-fueled grills, chimineas, etc., can be a minimum of 10 feet from a structure, or as directed by manufacturer's instructions.
- Only natural, untreated wood is allowed for burning. Prohibited materials shall not be used as a fuel. (see list below.)
- Fires shall be attended at all times until fully extinguished.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS (all types of burning)

- Plastics
- Garbage and construction waste
- Wire insulation
- Rubber
- Petroleum based products
- Animal waste
- Food service and industrial waste
- Yard vegetation, weeds, and other trash/debris

Extinguishment

A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate use.

A permit is required to install and use a permanently-installed outdoor gas fireplace or stove. Please call Brighton's Customer Service Center if you have any questions or concerns at 303-655-2017, or feel free to email us at psnow@brightonco.gov.

NOTE! Outdoor recreational fires shall not be conducted when an Action Day is issued by the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division or when surface wind speeds exceed 15 MPH.