

Recreational Fires

Due to a number of complaints regarding the frequency, intensity and duration of recreational fires, the City Council adopted an ordinance that only permits recreational fires under the following conditions:

1. A recreational fire shall have a total area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and three (3) or less in height.
2. Recreational fires shall be contained within a fire ring, pit, container or device designed for such use.
3. The area within a five (5) foot radius of the recreational fire shall be reasonably clear of all combustibles.
4. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within twenty-five (25) feet of a neighboring dwelling or garage.
5. The fire shall be under the immediate supervision of the resident or his/her authorized adult representative.
6. Buckets, shovels, garden hose or a fire extinguisher shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
7. The prevailing wind at the time of the recreational fire shall be away from nearby residences and must be less than 15 mph.
8. No flammable or combustible liquids shall be used to kindle or rekindle a recreational fire.
9. Demolition debris, industrial solid waste, hazardous materials, oil, rubber, plastic, railroad ties, shingles, tarpaper, insulation, composition boards, sheetrock, wiring, painted materials or paint filters, garbage, chemically treated wood or other materials that would give off a toxic smoke irritant to nearby residents are prohibited material. Only clean material can be burned as part of a recreational fire.
10. The hours that recreational fires shall be extinguished are between 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
11. Fires must be fully extinguished when unattended.
12. Recreational fires can be cancelled or terminated at the discretion of the Police Department if a complaint has been received from a nearby resident concerning the smoke, irritants or a medical condition that is aggravated by the residential fire.

If you have any questions regarding any of these provisions, please call the Deephaven Police Department at (952) 474-7555.