



## GUIDELINES FOR RECREATIONAL BACKYARD FIRES

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In accordance with the National Fire Protection Standards, the following shall be applicable for recreational backyard fires in the Town of North East:

- Outdoor fires shall not be built, ignited, or maintained in or upon hazardous fire areas.
- Permanent barbecues, portable barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, or grills shall not be used for the disposal of rubbish, trash, or combustible waste material.
- Do not use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids to start your fire.
- Recreational fires shall not be located within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure or combustible material unless contained in an approved manner.
- Conditions that could cause a fire to spread to within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Open, recreational, and cooking fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished.
- A garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire-extinguishing equipment readily available for use.
- For other than one and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within fifteen (15) feet of any structure. Please be cautioned with the use of charcoal grills in close proximity of your dwelling when windows and/or doors are open. Burning charcoal emits carbon monoxide, which can enter the home through these openings and cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Outdoor fireplaces, permanent barbecues, and grills shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe condition at all times.
- Avoid burning on windy days to prevent creating a smoke nuisance to surrounding property owners.
- Avoid burning when conditions are dry when it is too easy to spread out of control.

**USE COMMON SENSE AND FOLLOW  
THESE STANDARDS FOR THE  
SAFETY OF ALL RESIDENTS  
IN OUR TOWN.**