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What is Residential Recreational Outdoor Burning?

Residential recreational outdoor burning includes campfires, bonfires, as well as burning in fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and similar free-standing devices. Additionally, an outdoor fire can be used for the cooking of food.

What can be burned?

Only dry vegetation/wood and clean unpainted untreated dry lumber with a small amount of starter materials, such as hay or small kindling, can be burned. Flammable liquids shall not be used.

What are the options for recreational outdoor burning?

Portable Outdoor Fire Pits and Outdoor Fireplaces: These devices, sold by many businesses, fully contain the fire by means of a metal screen or grate and shall be utilized in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**All portable outdoor fires must be at least 15 feet from any structure or combustible material.
This condition is exempt when used at one and two-family dwellings.**

Recreational Fires:

These more permanent outdoor fire pits can have no more than a total burning fuel area of 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. Fires exceeding these dimensions are not permitted in the City of Winters.

The fire must be fully contained by means of a fire ring or pit and located a minimum of 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.

How must the burning be conducted?

All outdoor recreational fires, fire pits and outdoor fireplaces must be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished.

A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other on-site fire-extinguishing equipment such as sand or a garden hose must be available for immediate utilization.

Smoke from burning cannot bother or cause a nuisance to neighbors.

Any burning which constitutes a hazardous condition will be required by the Winters Fire Department to be immediately discontinued.

The burning of trash or any other combustible materials for waste or disposal purposes is prohibited in the City.

Before you Burn:

Check with Yolo-Solano Air Quality District for Air Quality Alerts at: www.ysaqmd.org