



# SPOKANE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## RECREATIONAL/CAMP/COOKING FIRES

Backyard barbecues, chimneas and other patio/deck warmers, are allowed year-round, as long as only approved fuel is used: seasoned (clean and dry) firewood, briquettes, or propane. Approved campfires at designated places in parks and campgrounds are also allowed. Disposal of vegetative waste in a recreational fire is prohibited. When fires are located in rings or pits, fires must be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. Fires must be at least 25 feet from any combustible construction. Fire must be attended at all times.

Recreational fires are defined as fires for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes (2006 International Fire Code, Section 307).

Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A method to extinguish a fire must be available at all fires. Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a fire extinguisher with a 4A rating will need to be present.

Restrictions on cooking/recreational fires occur during periods of impaired air quality or when fire protection agencies deem conditions are unsafe. If you have questions or concerns about a planned cooking/recreational fire, please call the Spokane Valley Fire Dept. at 928-1700 or Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency at 477-4727.

If the fire dept responds to a call involving your fire and finds it does not meet the above restrictions, you may be cited and fined or subject to criminal prosecution per RCW 36.43.040.

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Fire Marshal