

**Please Keep a few thoughts in mind...**

Be prepared to extinguish the fire.

Always keep a hose, water supply, sand bucket, or fire extinguisher within reach when using your outdoor fireplace or fire pit. At the end of the evening, make sure your fire is completely out before leaving your fireplace or fire pit unattended.

Be courteous to your neighbors.

Check with your neighbors, they may have a medical condition that could be severely affected by the smoke from your fire. If wind conditions exist that can blow the smoke into their homes, refrain from burning or relocate the fire pit to a different area in your yard.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information in this pamphlet, contact the Auburn Fire Department at 260-925-8255



**Completely extinguish and cover your fire pit after every use.**



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## **Outdoor Burning and Fire Pits**



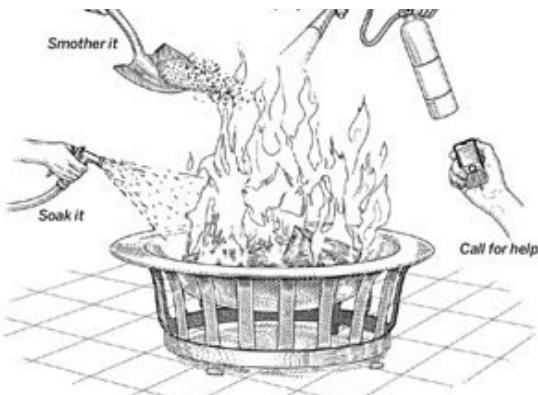
**AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## Definitions:

**Recreational fires**—An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel is contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, fire ring or pit, and has a total fuel area of 4 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

**Nuisance Fires** are those that are deemed offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when conditions make such fires hazardous.

## If your fire grows out of control



## Open Burning Rules and Regulations

Within the City limits of Auburn there shall be no outdoor burning allowed for the purposes of disposing of the following:

- A) trash, garbage, rubbish;
- B) yard waste;
- C) tree limbs, brush, sticks, grass;
- D) construction materials;
- E) debris; and
- F) any other waste product that can be disposed of through recycling, regular trash removal, compost, and or regional landfill deposit.

All ceremonial, recreational bonfires, and campfires or similar activities that require burning directly on the ground, within the City of Auburn shall comply with the following guidelines:

Recreational fires must be 15 feet away from any structure

Recreational fires shall not exceed 4 feet in diameter.

Fire ring or pit shall be constructed of concrete, brick, stone, or other non-combustible material.

The bottom of the ring or pit may be sand or earth.

Recreational fire shall be attended at all times

Only "Clean" wood or charcoal may be burned

The fire shall be extinguished at the end of the activity

Fire extinguishing equipment such as buckets, shovels, or garden hoses shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

No burning shall be conducted during un-favorable weather conditions such as; high winds, low humidity, dry conditions, high temperature, etc.

All fires shall be extinguished if they create a hazard, nuisance, pollution problem or threat to public health or property

All fires shall comply with all other state, and local regulations and ordinances.

## Safety Tips

- Keep safety your first consideration. Never leave an outdoor fire or fire pit unattended because the wind can suddenly gust or shift direction. Worse, children or pets can unexpectedly bump into, or fall, onto the fire. Never allow children to play with the fire materials.
- Select your firewood to minimize smoke. Burn clean, dry wood only. Well seasoned hardwoods such as oak & hickory produce less smoke than unseasoned wood or softwood.
- Start with a small fire. The first time you use your outdoor fireplace or fire pit, use minimal fuel. Learn how the fireplace or fire pit draws air, how it responds to changes in wind direction, and how long it burns before you need to add more wood.