



CHINO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION STANDARD

OUTDOOR FIRES

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1.1 **AUTHORITY:** The standard is adopted under authority of the 2016 California Fire Code, Chapter 3 and Chapter 49, as adopted by the Fire District.
- 1.2 **SCOPE:** This standard provides specific requirements for outdoor fires as outlined within the Fire Code.
- 1.3 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this standard is to establish a policy for standardization of the enforcement of outdoor fires within our District.
- 1.4 **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:** A permit is required for open burning (tumbleweeds and agricultural waste) and for bonfires (an outdoor fire used for ceremonial purposes).

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 2.1 **OPEN BURNING:** The burning of material wherein the products of combustion are emitted directly into ambient air without passing through a chimney or other screened chamber. **Example: Tumbleweed or agricultural waste burning only**
- 2.2 **BONFIRE:** An outdoor fire where the intent of the fire is for ceremonial purposes. The size of the fuel area of the fire would be >3feet in diameter and >2 feet in height. **Example: Flag burning; wedding; religious ceremony**
- 2.3 **RECREATIONAL FIRE:** An outdoor fire where the intent of the fire is for pleasure (warming and /or cooking). The size of the fuel area of the fire would be <3feet in diameter and <2 feet in height. The only material to be burned is wood and/or fire logs, with the exception of briquettes for bar-b-que pit(s). **Example: Campfire; Not a portable fire pit; chimenea; bar-b-que pit**
- 2.4 **FIRE PROTECTION:** The fire protection required by this standard shall be either a fire extinguisher with a rating of 4-A or a pre-connected garden hose.

3. REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Areas designated by the city of Chino Hills to be a high fire hazard area are not permitted to have open burning permits, bonfires, recreational fires or portable fire pits. (See Map) The high fire hazard area is allowed to have fire places/pits fueled exclusively by gaseous fuel (propane or natural gas) such that the burner pan and associated equipment are permanently affixed to the metal or masonry base of the fire place.
- 3.2 Where any fire outlined herein creates or adds to a hazardous situation, authorized Fire District personnel may order the extinguishment of the fire. This shall include when a permit has not been obtained or if the conditions of approval are not being adhered to.

	BONFIRE	OPEN BURNING	RECREATIONAL	PORTABLE FIRE PIT/ FIRE PLACE	BBQ PIT
SUPERVISION	Yes – Minimum 1 adult	Yes – Minimum 1 adult	Yes – Minimum 1 adult	Yes – Minimum 1 adult	Recommended
FIRE PROTECTION	Yes	See Conditions of Approval	Yes	Yes	Recommended
LOCATION	See Conditions of Approval (Typically 50' from a structure)	See Conditions of Approval (Typically 15'to 50' from a structure)	25' from a structure	Exempt from specific distance. Safe distance / Or refer to manufacturers recommendations <i>*At a commercial and/or industrial site, the distance is 15' feet</i>	Exempt from specific distance. Safe distance (Recommended 10')
PERMIT	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

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