



## MT. LEBANON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## GUIDANCE ON OUTDOOR FIRES

### Chimineas, Patio Fire Pits (including the metal saucer type), and Patio Fireplaces

- Allowed without restriction.

### Recreational Fires (i.e. campfires)

- Allowed provided all of the following conditions are met:
  1. The fuel area must be 3 feet or less in diameter, and 2 feet or less in height (i.e. no larger than an ordinary campfire).
  2. Rubbish is not being burned.
  3. The fire is at least 25 feet away from structures and combustible materials.
  4. Conditions are not conducive to fire spread (such as extremely dry weather or high winds).
  5. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
  6. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand. Acceptable means of extinguishment include a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, dirt or sand with a shovel, a bucket of water, or a garden hose.
- Recreational fires not meeting all of the above six (6) requirements shall be ordered extinguished.

### Burn Barrels

- Allowed provided all of the following conditions are met:
  1. Rubbish is not being burned. Note: The burning of wood scraps in a steel drum or barrel at a construction site is allowed for warmth, but not allowed if for the sole purpose of construction debris disposal.
  2. The fire is at least 25 feet away from structures and combustible materials.
  3. Conditions are not conducive to fire spread (such as extremely dry weather or high winds).
  4. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
  5. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand. Acceptable means of extinguishment include a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, dirt or sand with a shovel, a bucket of water, or a garden hose.
- Fires in steel drums or barrels not meeting all of the above five (5) requirements shall be ordered extinguished.

### Bonfires and Open Burning

- Outdoor fires having a fuel area greater than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height require a permit from both the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department and the Allegheny County Health Department.
- Non-permitted fires shall be ordered extinguished, and referred to Fire Prevention.