

Fire Pit Regulations

Fire Pits or Chimineas

The North Reading Fire Department allows the use of Fire Pits, Chimineas or outdoor fireplace provided the following conditions are met:

- The Fire must be small and manageable, no greater than 3 feet in diameter. By definition, a fire larger than 3 feet is no longer considered a cooking fire.
- All fires must be constantly attended by a competent person until extinguished. (18 or older)
- A water supply or an extinguisher capable of extinguishing the fire must be within 75 feet of the fire.
- The Fire Pit, Chiminea, or fireplace will be on a non-combustible surface at grade level and not under any type of overhang, roof or canopy
- Fires will **not** be located within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material and any condition that could cause fire to spread within this area will be removed prior to ignition.
- The fire and/or smoke cannot pose a hazard to **any property**.
- The Smoke from any device **cannot create a nuisance or health hazard to the neighborhood**.
- Finally common sense must be used!!! A screen should be used to prevent embers from igniting nearby combustibles. Never use flammable fluids to start your fire. Only ordinary firewood is to be burned: **No construction debris, leaves, household trash, hazardous waste, or chemicals may be burned at anytime.**



If the North Reading Fire Department is called to your house for any type of outside fire, we reserve the right to order any fire be extinguished at the officer's discretion.

The above rules do not affect the rules pertaining to permitted open burning season.

If you have any questions pertaining to this guideline, please contact the Fire Prevention Office during normal business hours at 978-664-6054