



## **RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINES:**

Recreational fires using solid fuels for cooking, heating, recreation, and ceremonies shall be allowed when such fire is composed of dry wood / logs twelve (12) inches in diameter or less or commercial fireplace logs. **Brush, leaves, landscape waste, and construction materials are prohibited in recreational fires.** The location of such fire, and the items necessary for its containment, must comply with the provisions of the fire code. A permit is not required for a recreational fire; however, all such fires shall be limited as follows:

1. Recreational fires shall be limited to three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height.
2. Recreational fires shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from any structure or combustible materials. The distance may be reduced to fifteen (15) feet if a self-contained manufactured portable outdoor unit is used in accordance with manufactures instructions and is covered with a protective mesh screen top.
3. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is extinguished. Approved on-site fire extinguishment equipment must be available for immediate utilization.
4. Recreational fires shall be limited to between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 pm. All recreational fires must be completely extinguished at 11:00 pm.

**Conventional Fuel Materials:** Outdoor fire features, fire pits, heaters and cooking appliances that run solely off propane or natural gas should be used per manufactures instructions and don't have any restrictions on frequency or hours of use.

**Discontinuance:** The Fire Department or Police Department shall reserve the right to order the extinguishment of **ANY** fire, at any time, at the sole discretion of any fire officer, acting fire officer or police officer if it is determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the fire constitutes a hazardous condition to life or property.



**Illegal Burning:** Illegal burning can result in a municipal infraction. The Bettendorf Fire Department or Police Department follows up on all burn complaints and may issue a warning or citation for failure to comply with the burning provisions of the International Fire Code and Bettendorf Municipal Code for any fire.

**Burn Bans:** The Fire Chief, or his/her designee, shall reserve the right to place a "Burn Ban" into effect prohibiting all or any outdoor burning for a specified amount of time. The City of Bettendorf complies with all burn bans issued by Scott County and / or the State of Iowa.