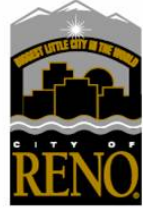




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Ordinance #6306: *The items listed are basic information only. Additional requirements may apply.*

Recreational Fire and Portable Fireplace Guidelines

RECREATIONAL FIRE is defined as an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained to an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill, or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.



A PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACE is defined as a solid-fuel burning portable fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other non-combustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

A permit from the Reno Fire Department is not required for recreational fires, portable fireplaces or cooking fires as long as you comply with following:

- The fire must be fueled by clean, seasoned firewood, natural gas or other clean burning fuel.
- The fire is not used for disposal of waste.
- The fire's total fuel area can be no more than three feet in diameter and no higher than two feet.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or a combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two family dwellings.
- Fires shall be constantly attended until completely extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, or water shall be immediately available.

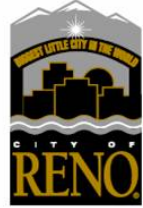
OUTDOOR COOKING

Charcoal burners and open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction with the *exception* of:

1. *One and two family dwellings.*



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2. *Where balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.*
3. *LP-gas cooking devices having a LP gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 ½ pounds.*

A permit from the Reno Fire Department is required for open burning and bonfires that do not fall within the above definitions of a recreational fire or portable outdoor fireplace. Any open flame operation or process liable to start or cause fire in or upon wild-fire risk areas will require a permit from the Reno Fire Department.

Hazardous Fires Prohibited!

The burning of the following materials are not allowed:

- Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt or items made from petroleum, such as tires, auto parts, plastics or plastic-coated wire
- Garbage, including wastes from food processing, handling, preparation or consumption

Never use portable outdoor fireplaces, charcoal burners, propane burners, or any cooking appliances rated for outdoor use only, inside a structure.

The Reno Department may order the immediate extinguishment of any recreational fire or open burning because of one or more of the following hazardous situations:

- **Unattended fires**
- **Unprotected or uncontained fires deemed capable of spreading**
- **Inadequate fire extinguishing equipment/materials**
- **Combustible exposure hazards**
- **Inappropriate or hazardous materials used as fuel**
- **Air contaminants, smoke, or other materials which may cause a traffic hazard**
- **When atmospheric conditions, such as “red flag warnings”, make such fires hazardous.**



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