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Guidelines for Recreational Fires

1. For **other** than recreational fires, **open burning always requires a permit**. The form may be obtained online at <https://www.boltonct.gov/permits> or at Town Hall from the office of the Town Administrative Officer. Permit applications are usually approved within 48-72 hours and come with additional instructions.
2. A recreational fire* should burn clean dry hardwood in one of the three means listed below:
 - a) A covered container with a wire mesh screen having no larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ " by $\frac{1}{4}$ " openings;
 - b) An approved incinerator. This must be 10' from buildings and property lines;
 - c) A fireplace or pit for the purpose of cooking food.

* note that a recreational fire cannot exceed the following dimensions:

- Total fuel area no greater than 3 ft. in diameter.
- Total fuel area no greater than 2 ft. in height.
- Maximum diameter of any piece of wood is 3 inches.
- If the fire is not on a house lot (i.e. a lawn) then an area of 15 ft. in all directions shall be free of all combustibles.

Guidelines for Recreational Fires (cont.)

Any type of fire must be constantly attended! Always have a pail of water or a garden hose nearby as an added safety precaution. Never allow small children or pets/animals to play near any fire. Always remember, no type of fire is allowed if it constitutes a hazard or danger to the public's health or safety. Any fire that is deemed to be nuisance by the Fire or Police Departments shall be extinguished immediately. Before any type of open burning can occur, please visit the Connecticut DEEP website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry/Forest-Fire/Forest-Fire-Danger-Report> to check the daily Forest Fire Danger level. If the fire danger is rated as high, very high or extreme on any day, no burning may occur.

Please stay safe and healthy.

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