



Outdoor Fire Safety



Richmond Fire Prevention
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This time of year Richmond Fire and Emergency Services sees an increase in outdoor fires. They are both warming and ecstatically pleasing. Unfortunately outdoor fires can be a source of danger and cause thousands of dollars in damages. Before using an outdoor fire, consider these fire code regulations and safety points.

1. Outdoor fires can not be used on balconies, decks or within 10 feet of combustible construction.
2. Outdoor fires can not be used on or near decorative or combustible materials.
3. Outdoor fires can not burn trash or household garbage as fuel.
4. A permit must be obtained for large fires such as bonfires.
5. Someone must be in attendance at all times, until the fire is properly extinguished.
6. A cover such as a screen should be used to hinder burning brands from traveling to nearby combustibles.
7. Understand that the user is liable for any damages incurred from the fire or smoke.
8. Those fires which create an offensive situation due to smoke or odor, or when atmospheric or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, shall be prohibited.

If you have any questions regarding outdoor fires, contact the Richmond Fire Marshal's Office at 646-6640.

