

City of Lexington Recreational Burning Regulations (Highlights of City Code 10.41)

- No permit is required for a Recreational Fire.
- Recreational Fires are permitted between the hours of 8AM and 2AM.
- A Recreational Fire Site means an area of no more than a 3 foot in diameter circle; completely surrounded by non combustible and non smoke or odor producing material (brick, tile or block, natural rock, cement or ferrous metal only).
- A Recreational Fire Site shall be no closer than 50 feet from any structure.
- Permitted starter fuels include dry, untreated, unpainted kindling, branches, or cardboard, or charcoal fire starter. Paraffin candles and alcohols are permitted as starter fuels and as aids to ignition only.
- Detectable smoke, odor or soot shall not extend beyond property line or create a nuisance condition for other residents.
- Recreational Fires require an adult be present at the Recreational Fire Site throughout the event.
- A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at the Recreational Fire Site.
- Recreational Fires shall be extinguished completely before leaving the Recreational Fire Site.
- Recreational Fires shall not be allowed to smolder with no flame present.
- Recreational Fires are not permitted during officially declared burning bans or Air Quality Alerts.

Fires that do not meet the Recreational Fire guidelines are classified as “Open Burning” and are allowed by permit only. Applications for an Open Burning permit can be obtained on our website or at Lexington City Hall during regular working hours. These sites must be inspected by the Fire Marshal prior to burning.