

RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS

-By Don Huber, Fire Official, Township of Long Hill-

1. Select a safe location to construct a reasonably-sized fire pit on level ground and totally surround it with fire-retardant materials such as brick, stone or other masonry materials to a height of 1 to 2 feet from ground level.
2. Maintain a safe distance (at least 15') from the perimeter of the fire pit to your house and any other structures, exposures, combustibles, flammable liquids, or LPG vessels on or near your property, as well as a 15' minimum distance from all property lines.
3. Limit the overall height of any open flame to 2 or 3 feet above the burning materials.
4. Keep a properly-sized working fire extinguisher or charged garden hose in place at all times the fire is burning.
5. Never leave an open burning or smoldering fire unattended by a responsible adult.
6. Only burn kindling and firewood (NO LUMBER, TRASH, DEBRIS, OR OTHER REFUSE).
7. Keep small children at a safe distance from the perimeter of the fire pit at all times even when cooking hot dogs, roasting marshmallows, or like activities.
8. Remain vigilant for high winds or extreme dry weather conditions that might preempt outside burning of any kind (check with Police or Fire Official if uncertain).
9. Be mindful and courteous; Avoid heavy or obnoxious volumes of embers, smoke, or odors from drifting to and lingering on neighboring properties.
10. Make sure the fire and all burning/glowing embers are completely extinguished when done.

ALL RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL FIRES WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF LOCAL POLICE AND THE FIRE OFFICIAL

BY ORDER OF THE FIRE OFFICIAL, TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

Thank you for your review and compliance of these recreational fire safety standards.
For further assistance please contact the Office of the Long Hill Township Fire Official at:

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