



STRONGSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OPEN BURNING, RECREATIONAL FIRES and PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

OHIO FIRE CODE 1301; 7-7-03 (G) SECTION 307

The Strongsville Fire code supersedes the Ohio Fire Code in which "Open Burning" is not permitted. The definition of open burning is a fire used for silviculture, range or wildlife management, control of disease or pests. The burning of construction debris or other waste is also prohibited.

The following types of fires are permitted with adherence to the Ohio Fire Code:

Recreational Fire- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Pile size shall be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

Portable outdoor fireplaces- 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.

Extinguishment Authority- The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment if the fire is deemed to be hazardous or objectionable.

Attendance- Recreational fires and the use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of a 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

Any fire can be prohibited when found to be offensive or objectionable due to smoke and odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. The Fire Department Official may order the immediate extinguishment of a fire at any time.