

City of Santa Fe Open Burning Guidelines:

According to the code, there are three types of fires that are regulated within the 2009 International Fire Code[®] as adopted by Chapter 12 of the Santa Fe City Code. Each of these fires has separate regulations and provisions which are described below:

General (307.1): A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

Prohibited Open Burning (307.1.1): Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

Permit Required (307.2): A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

Attendance (307.5): Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 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.

Extinguishment Authority (307.3): The *fire code official* is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible or the fire department of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

BONFIRE: An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes. These fires are required to have a fire permit issued from the office and should be extinguished if the responsible party can't produce a valid fire permit.

Bonfires (307.4.1): A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

RECREATIONAL FIRE:

An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

These fires are not required to have a fire permit, but are required to meet the following restrictions:

Recreational Fires (307.3.2): Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

OPEN FLAMES COOKING DEVICES:

Open-flame Cooking Devices (308.3.1): Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family dwellings.
2. Where buildings, balconies, and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Fueled Cooking Devices (308.3.1.1):

LP-gas burners having an LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048mm) of combustible construction.

Exception: One- and two-family dwellings.

PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES:

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces (307.4.3): Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one- and two-family dwellings.

WEEDS, TRASH AND OTHER VEGETATION:

The burning of weeds, trash and other vegetation is prohibited within the City of Santa Fe limits at all times.