

# OUTDOOR BURNING CHECKLIST

If any of the following items are answered "No," open burning is prohibited. Any questions should be directed to the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau at 708-444-5200. For further details, you may also visit the Village's Web site at [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org).

	YES	NO
◆ Landscape waste is not being burned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Fuel pile is less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Fuel pile is within the diameter of the container.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Burning is properly distanced away from structures as defined in restrictions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ No combustibles between the burning and the structure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Fire constantly monitored by an adult.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Extinguishing agent or garden hose nearby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ No objectionable smoke or odor emitted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Wind conditions can blow sparks or embers away from container.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Is the fire pit on a non-combustible surface?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more information on open burning regulations, please contact:  
**Tinley Park**  
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## *Outdoor Burning Regulations in Tinley Park*



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*"One of the goals of the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau is to educate the citizens of Tinley Park on the hazards of fire."*

*—Fire Chief Ken Dunn*

*Because of the nature of fire, the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau does not recommend open burning in any form. However, if you make the decision to do so, these guidelines will help you to be fire safe, understand Tinley Park's law concerning open burning, and explain the proper use of outdoor fire pits, chimineas, portable fireplaces and similar devices.*

The Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau defines three types of acceptable outdoor burning:

### **Recreational Fires**

This is an outdoor fire that burns material other than rubbish and is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace or fire pit. The total fuel area must be three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height. You cannot burn recreational fires within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material (*including, but not limited to, landscaping, grass and similar growth*). If conditions are present that could cause the fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure, such as wind or vegetation, then a recreational fire is prohibited.

### **Bonfires**

A bonfire is an outdoor fire used for ceremonial purposes and it requires a permit from the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau. Bonfires cannot be closer than 50 feet to a structure or combustible material unless it is contained in an approved fire pit. Bonfires are also prohibited if wind or nearby vegetation could cause it to spread within 50 feet of a structure.

### **Contained Outdoor Burning**

Outdoor burning in an approved container is allowed as long as the fuel pile is less than three feet in diameter and less than two feet in height. Approved container: A container and supports constructed of non-combustible materials and holding only the maximum allowable materials. In addition, fires in an approved container cannot be closer than 15 feet to a structure or combustible material.

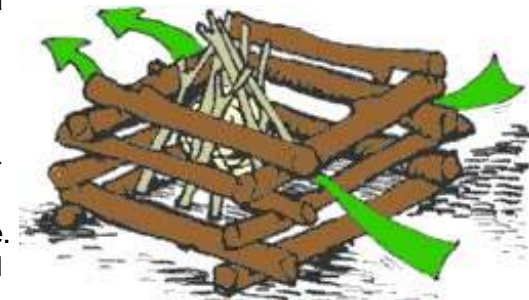
### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- ✓ Open burning is not allowed unless conducted in an approved manner.
- ✓ Outdoor burning is not allowed when it is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when weather or nearby conditions make lighting fires hazardous.
- ✓ All outdoor fires must be constantly monitored by an adult until they are extinguished. Be aware of others nearby, especially small children.
- ✓ Fire pits should be placed at the required distance on a stone, concrete or brick surface.
- ✓ Outdoor burning of any type cannot be on the ground, grass or near any vegetation.
- ✓ A minimum of one portable ABC fire extinguisher (3A10BC) or a garden hose must be available for immediate use to extinguish the fire when necessary.
- ✓ Never use a fire pit to burn trash.
- ✓ Burning of landscape waste (grass, leaves, etc.) is not allowed.
- ✓ Never pour flammable liquids onto a flame or source of heat. The fluid can ignite and travel up the stream to the container in your hand, with explosive and extremely harmful (if not fatal) results.
- ✓ Charcoal grills and other open-flame cooking devices should not be used on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of a structure or combustible material.

### **BUILDING & LIGHTING A FIRE SAFELY**

Start by making a small A-frame or teepee in the center of your fire pit. Place tinder in the middle of the A-frame or teepee. Build a miniature log cabin around the A-frame or teepee. Remember that the total fuel area must be a maximum of three feet in diameter and two feet in height. Leave plenty of space between for good ventilation when you build your miniature log cabin.

When ready to light the fire, position yourself or a friend between the prevailing breeze and the fire. Apply a match or grill/fireplace lighter to the tinder. Once it's burning, carefully add more tinder one piece at a time. As the fire grows, gradually work your way up in wood size. Don't add your largest pieces of wood until the fire is well established. Enjoy your fire, but remember that it must be monitored by an adult with an extinguisher or hose nearby.



To extinguish a fire that still has flame or glowing embers, douse it with water. Sprinkle enough water to quench all embers. Use a stick to stir the embers and ashes to get them all wet. When you can comfortably place your hand on the ashes, the fire is sufficiently doused.