

Section 245.110: Outdoor Fireplaces and Outdoor Cooking Facilities

- A. Permanent outdoor grills, braziers, and similar appliances intended for the preparation of food shall be located and constructed in a manner approved by the Fredericktown Fire Department Chief and City of Fredericktown Building Inspector.
- B. Portable braziers, grills, and similar appliances used for the preparation of food may be used in any location which is not hazardous to life of property. No portable braziers, grills, or similar appliances shall be permitted on or under any above grade combustible balcony or rescue platform.
- C. Permanent outdoor fireplaces or fire pits shall be located and constructed in a manner approved by the Fredericktown Fire Department Chief and the City of Fredericktown Building Inspector.
- D. Portable fireplaces intended for the purpose of outdoor recreational fires shall only be used on non-combustible surfaces, such as dirt, grass, or concrete.
- E. The use of all outdoor fireplaces or fire pits shall adhere to the following:
 - a. Outdoor burning shall be prohibited when local circumstances make the fires potentially hazardous. Local circumstances include, but are not limited to, thermal inversions, wind, ozone alerts, and very dry conditions.
 - b. Materials and fuels used in outdoor fireplaces may not include rubbish, garbage, trash, lawn debris carcass, construction waste, any material made of or coated with rubber plastic, leather, hazardous chemical, or petroleum based materials, or any material that produces offensive smoke or odors. Only clean, dry wood is permitted to be burned.
 - c. Fireplaces shall include a bowl with supports to ensure clearances to combustibles.
 - d. Pits shall have an enclosure, heavy screen or spark arrestor to control and contain embers and sparks.
 - e. Fireplaces or pits shall not be used within fifteen feet of a building or lot line.
 - f. Fireplaces or pits shall be used on a stable level surface.
 - g. Fireplaces or pits shall not be used on any combustible deck, porch or patio.
 - h. If the fireplace is a propane unit, only propane shall be burned.
 - i. The fuel area shall not be larger than three feet in diameter with a height of no more than three feet.
 - j. A fire extinguisher, garden hose, or other method of fire control shall be readily available.
 - k. The fireplace or pit must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. The fire must be completely extinguished before the fireplace or pit is left unsupervised.
 - l. Manufactured outdoor fireplaces and pits shall be operated in accordance with the manufacture's assembly, safety, and operating instructions.
 - m. Fire must be completely extinguished and embers cooled prior to 11:00 P.M.
 - n. Barrels, half barrels, drums, or pits dug into the ground or similarly constructed devices are not fire pits.
- F. Any fire in an outdoor fireplace or cooking facility which a reasonable person might consider to be smoke, a hazardous, or unpleasant condition to occupants of surrounding property and / or otherwise offensive may be ordered to be extinguished by an officer of the Fredericktown Fire Department or Police Department. (Ord. No. 11-64 1, 11-14-11)