

(Q) What if I am cleaning in the fall and have a pile of leaves to burn – Can I burn them?

(A) No – Only clean dry wood.

(Q) Can I burn twigs?

(A) Yes - if it is free of leaves.

(Q) How do I determine how windy it is?

(A) You can check the weather station or use the internet.

(Q) What do I do if I know my neighbor is burning illegally?

(A) Contact the fire department at (920) 832-6050 while they are actively burning and we will address the issue with the permit holder.

(Q) Where do I go every year to get my permit?

(A) You can print a copy from the Town's website, <http://www.grandchute.net>, and stop at either fire station (Station #1 2250 Grand Chute Blvd. or Station #2 3900 W. Spencer St.) to have a fire department representative sign it, or you can come to either station to fill out the permit in its entirety.

(Q) How long does the whole process take to get a permit?

(A) About 5 minutes.

(Q) Can I use a garden hose to put out the fire if needed or do I have to have an extinguisher?

(A) A garden hose is acceptable.

(Q) If I am a renter do I need the property owner's consent to have a recreational / cooking fire?

(A) Yes, the property owner must sign the application for the burning permit.

(Q) Can I have a portable fire pit?

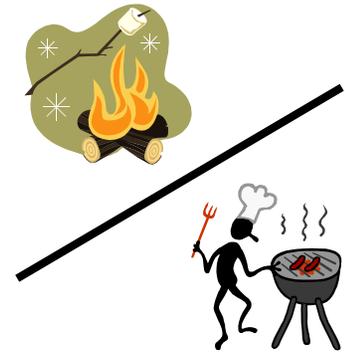
(A) Yes, if it is used on a non-combustible surface and has proper clearance.

CLEARANCES NEEDED



GRAND CHUTE FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Prevention Division

RECREATIONAL AND COOKING FIRES



2250 Grand Chute Boulevard
Grand Chute, Wisconsin 54913
(920) 832-6050

RECREATIONAL FIRES – NO FEE

Valid January 1st through December 31st

Recreational fires, barbecue pits, portable fire pits, and outdoor fireplaces are permitted on properties zoned agriculture or residential and occupied by a single or two-family residence under the following conditions:

- (a) Recreational fires shall be at least fifteen (15) feet from any type of a building or structure, combustible material of any form, or property line.
- (b) No person shall start or maintain any recreational fire or barbecue pit between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Sunday.
- (c) Only clean dry wood can be burned. The burning of garbage, trash, refuse, flammable liquids, and/or combustible liquids in any form is not allowed. **NO BURNING OF LEAVES, YARD WASTE OR BRUSH.**
- (d) Recreational fires, barbecue pits, and outdoor fireplaces shall be contained in an area not to exceed three (3) feet wide by three (3) feet long, or a circle larger than three (3) feet in diameter. The flames of the fire shall be no higher than two (2) feet.
- (e) All residential recreational fires and barbecue pits, excluding portable fire pits and outdoor fireplaces as defined, shall be dug into the ground at least six (6) but not more than twelve (12) inches and surrounded on the outside, above ground level, by a non-combustible material extending at least six (6) inches above grade.
- (f) Portable fire pits and outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, within the above requirements, and shall be placed on a non-combustible surface that

is at least one and a half (1.5) times larger than the size of the portable fire pit.

(g) Recreational fires shall be conducted only following issuance of and in accordance with the Recreational Fire Permit.

BONFIRES – \$50.00 PERMIT FEE

Valid For One Date Only

- (a) Bonfires are allowed only if approved by and in accordance with provisions established by the code official
- (b) Bonfires shall be at least 50 feet from any form of a building or structure, combustible material of any form, or property line.
- (c) Bonfires shall not be lit or started when the wind direction shall cause combustibles or ignited materials to be carried by the wind toward any form of a building or structure, or combustible material of any form.
- (d) Bonfires shall be conducted only following the inspection of the site where burning is to occur, payment of the permit fee, and issuance of an in accordance with the Bonfire Permit.
- (e) A Bonfire Permit shall be good for one date only.
- (f) If the bonfire is cancelled due to inclement weather the permit may be re-issued at no cost at the discretion of the code official.

BURNING PERMITS

(a) No person shall start or maintain any open burning without a burning permit issued by the code official.

(b) Burning permits are non-transferable to any other person or any other location.

(c) Any open burning shall comply with all other applicable provisions of this ordinance.

(d) No materials shall be burned when the wind exceeds ten (10) miles per hour as determined by the Outagamie County Regional Airport.

(e) Fires shall not create smoke that causes a public nuisance, complaints from neighbors, or a visibility hazard on any form of transportation route.

(f) Fires shall not be left unattended at anytime and supervised by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is out.

(g) All permitted fires shall have fire extinguishing equipment readily available as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.

(h) When weather conditions warrant, the Fire Chief, may declare a burning ban.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(Q) Is there a cost to obtain a burning permit?

(A) There is no cost for a recreational burning permit.

(Q) Why do I have to come to the station every year for a permit? Is there a possibility of every other year?

(A) By renewing the permit every year we are able to inform the permit holder of any changes to the municipal burning code. We also use this time to review safety precautions as well as answer any questions or concerns.