

Spartanburg County Open Burning Codes 10/10/11

A person shall not kindle or maintain any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with section 307 of the International Fire Code (IFC 307.1) as outlined below, and promulgated in Sec. 6-9-60 of South Carolina Code of Laws and 10-81 of Spartanburg County Code of Ordinances within the unincorporated areas of Spartanburg County.

All open burning (including bonfires) shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. The attendee must have at least one fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other code approved fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck. (IFC 307.5)

Open Burning that is Allowed:

- a. Open burning of leaves, tree branches or yard trimmings, with burning located no closer than 50 feet from any structure, and when provisions have been made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure. (IFC 307.4)
Exception: Minimum required distance is decreased to 25 feet from any structure when burn pile size is smaller than 3 feet in diameter & 2 feet high.
- b. Bonfires that have prior approval from an Enforcement Officer, with a Spartanburg County Burn Permit issued, and are located no closer than 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Bonfires are ceremonial fires greater than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height. (IFC 307.2 & 307.4.1)
- c. Recreational fires (camp fires), that are no closer than 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Recreational fires have a total fuel area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height. (IFC 307.4.2)
- d. Open burning for workers and/or construction sites, but must be in approved noncombustible containers, and located no closer than 15 feet from a structure. (IFC 307.4 E1)

Open Burning that is Prohibited:

Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or other local circumstances make such fires hazardous. (307.1.1 IFC) (DHEC Reg 61-62)