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Recreational Fires

1. All fires must be kindled in an approved commercially or privately manufactured outdoor recreational fire appliance such as a fireplace or fire pit. A hand dug fire pit must be at least one (1) foot below grade, no more than three (3) feet in diameter and the outside edge shall be ringed with brick or rock. Fires shall be no closer than fifteen (15) feet from any building, structure, shed, garage, tree, shrub, brush, fence or any other combustible material. Recreational fire appliances shall not be located on combustible decks.
2. Only clean dry wood may be burned. No leaves, grass, trash, treated or painted wood, rubber, plastics, textiles, leather or petroleum-based materials and shall not contain any combustible or flammable liquids.
3. Fire shall be managed so the active fire does not exceed three (3) feet above the fireplace/fire pit, and people are able to stand within four (4) feet of the fire.
4. Prevailing winds shall not exceed 25 miles per hour and shall not create a nuisance for neighboring properties.
5. No burning shall occur if any of the following conditions are met; forest fire danger is high or above, or the DEEP issued an Air Quality Alert.
6. Fires shall be always attended by at least one (1) responsible person 18 years of age or older.
7. Fire Suppression equipment such as a fire extinguisher or garden hose shall be always accessible while the recreational fire is active.
8. Should the fire be determined to be a nuisance, it shall be immediately extinguished.
9. Sky Lanterns also known as Kongming Lanterns (wish lanterns), Chinese Lanterns or fire balloons shall not be used.

Questions regarding this Policy can be directed to Fire Marshal Charles T. Chaffee, Sr. at 860-625-8122, Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Gale @ 860-287-6757. After hour complaints or questions please call Groton Emergency Dispatch Center at 860-448-1562.