

# CITY OF RAPID CITY

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## **OUTDOOR FIREPLACE AND CHIMINEA REQUIREMENTS – NO BURN PERMIT**

Outdoor Fireplaces and Chimineas, by definition, do not specifically fall under the categories of Open Burning or Recreational Fires as per the 2003 International Fire Code. Therefore, neither Burn Permits nor site inspections shall be required to use these appliances.

The following Fire Safety and Site Safety requirements shall be in effect and complied with during the usage of these appliances, as well as any manufacturer's safety requirements.

### **1. Appliance Construction**

The appliance shall be constructed of non-combustible materials which are in good condition (i.e. fire rings, burn barrels, chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, rock rings.)

#### **THE MAXIMUM FUEL AREA IS 3 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 2 FEET HIGH.**

- A.** Solid fuel burning appliances may only be fueled by cut or split firewood.
- B.** Materials such as rubbish, yard waste, branches, leaves, garbage, etc.  
**CANNOT BE BURNED.**

### **2. Location of Portable Appliances ~ Always follow manufacturer's recommendations**

The appliances shall not be located closer than 15 feet of combustible materials or manufactures recommendations, such as trees, walls, decks/patios, overhanging branches or roofs/eaves, and other like materials.

### **3. Fire Extinguishing Equipment ~ Always follow manufacturer's recommendations**

Buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 2-A rating shall be readily available for use while the appliance is being used.

While the appliance is in use, it shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the previously mentioned fire-extinguishing equipment and shall remain in attendance until such time the fire is extinguished.

### **4. Discontinuance**

The Fire Chief or his designee shall be authorized to require that the use of the appliance(s) be immediately discontinued if determined that the smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding properties, if local air quality is being adversely affected, or if the fire itself constitutes a hazardous condition.

The user of the appliance agrees to hold the City of Rapid City and the Rapid City Department of Fire and Emergency Services harmless from damages or harm arising from fire allowed in these type appliances.

## **Open Burning**

**IFC 302.1 Open Burning Definition:** The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudgepots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational use typically considered open flames or recreational fires. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

Open burning of rubbish is prohibited.

Open burning shall only be performed when time and atmospheric conditions allow.

Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause the fire to spread shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

## **Bonfire**

**IFC 302.1 Bonfire Definition:** An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.

A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible materials.

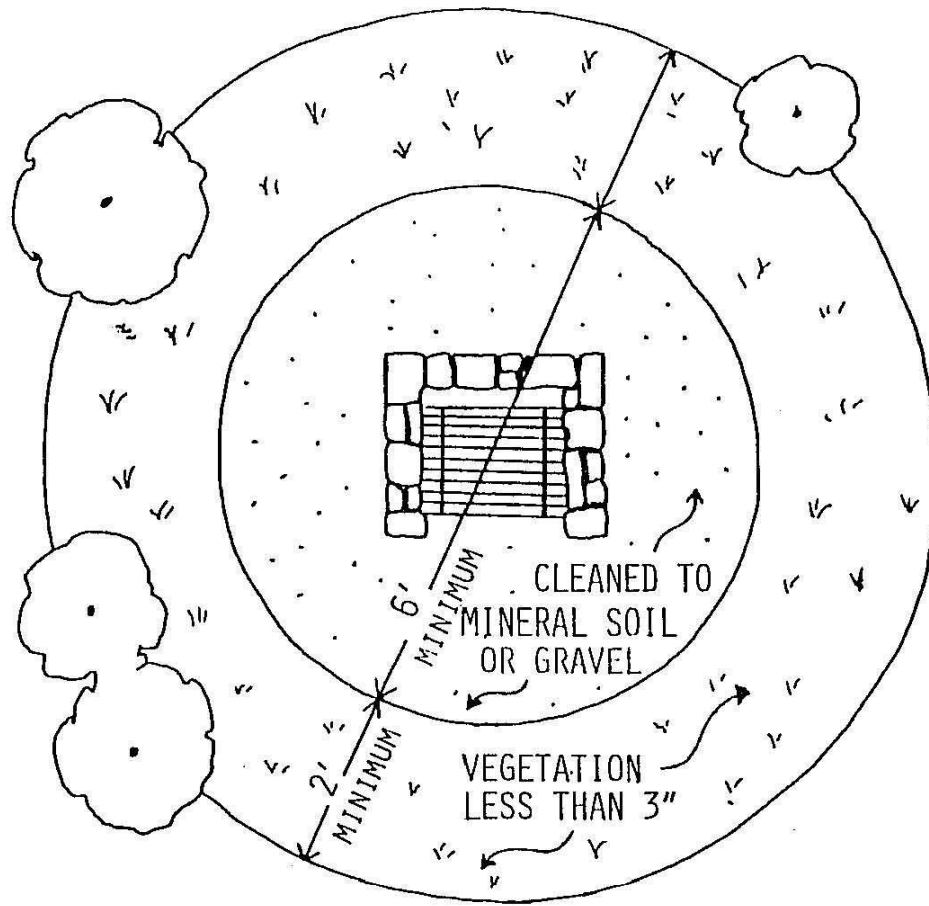
## **Attendance**

**IFC 307.5 Attendance.** Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

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**The applicant may be liable for damages to property and for the cost of fire suppression in the event that the fire allowed under this permit spreads beyond the boundaries of the permitted area.**



## OUTDOOR FIRE RECOMMENDATIONS

