

Recreational Fires

Location

- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure (building for example) or combustible material. This distance can be reduced to 15 foot minimum IF the unit has complete protection and lid – such as screen with lid.

Fire Size

- The total fuel area shall be 3 feet or less in diameter and 24 inches or less for fuel height.

Attendant required

- Recreational fires shall be constantly attended, and supervised until the fire is extinguished.
- Recreational fires are not safe when winds exceed 15 mph.
- Use common sense and respect your neighbors by not allowing smoke to blow toward their home or laundry, for example.

Equipment Needed

- Buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher (4A minimum rated) shall be readily available for use by the attendant.

Examples of a Recreational Fire

All the above requirements met – Sitting by the outdoor fire with friends enjoying the evening; or cooking hot dogs.

Contaminated or treated wood should not be burned.

Discontinuance

- The Fire Department is authorized to require recreational fires be immediately discontinued.

County Burn Ban

- The City of Cedar Rapids complies with ALL burn bans issued by the County, or State of Iowa

Illegal Burning

- Illegal burning can result in an Air Pollution Complaint report which may result in a \$200 fine

Examples of Illegal Burning

Included, but not limited to: Burning of leaves; or grass; or garbage; or tires; or dead animals; or rubber products; or paint; or used oil; or tar; or plastic; or contaminated wood.

Cedar Rapids has a recycling program for yard waste.

Open Burning in Cedar Rapids

Permit Required

- A Permit is required to conduct Open Burning in the City of Cedar Rapids. Permits must be readily available to the Fire Department upon request. **An Open Burning Permit is NOT required for Recreational Fires!**

Open Burning through Permit

Examples: Fire Extinguisher Training; or Fire Fighter Training; or College prairie grass projects.

Open Burning not allowed

Included, but not limited to: Burning leaves; trees or brush piles; garbage; or tires; or dead animals; or rubber products; or paint; or used oil; or tar; or plastic; or contaminated wood.

To obtain an Open Burning Permit

Linn County Code of Ordinances section 10.10, governs open burning in the county, which includes Cedar Rapids.

To apply for a Permit to Open Burn, contact:

**Linn County Health Department
501 13th St NW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405
Phone: 319 / 892-6000**



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within Cedar Rapids City Limits