

## **RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINES**

**APPLICANTS MUST CALL THREE (3) WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE. TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR THE WEEKEND, APPLICANT MUST CALL 412-364-4115 EXT. 313 BEFORE THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A RECREATIONAL FIRE AND PLAN TO DO SO, AN INSPECTION OF THE SITE MUST BE SCHEDULED. AN APPOINTMENT MUST BE MADE FOR THE INSPECTION BY CALLING 412-364-4115 EXT. 313.**

### **DEFINITION**

A recreational fire is an outdoor fire for enjoyment or cooking having a total fuel area not exceeding 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. (Ref. IFC, Section 307)

### **PERMIT**

A permit for each recreational fire is required from the Franklin Park Fire Official for a fee of \$10.00. It must be requested at least three business days before the date of the planned fire to allow for inspection of the fire site.

A larger fire requires a permit from Allegheny County in addition to one from Franklin Park Borough.

### **TIMES**

A recreation fire may be burned for a maximum of 6 hours between 9AM and 12 midnight.

The fire must be completely extinguished by 12 midnight.

### **LOCATION**

Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet away from all property lines, structures, combustible material, trees, shrubs, vehicles, gasoline powered tractors, mowers or other equipment.

### **CONTAINMENT**

The fire shall be contained from spreading by being located within a pit or a steel ring, heat-proof stone, concrete or mounted dirt.

A 5 foot area around the fire ring shall be cleared of all combustible dry grass, leaves, ground covers, etc.

### **FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT**

Fire Extinguishing Equipment to be located within 25 feet of fire shall include one or more of the following: garden hose, shovel, loose dirt, sand, minimum 4A fire extinguisher.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The fire must be constantly attended by an adult person competent in the use of fire extinguishing equipment until the fire has been totally extinguished.

### **FUELS**

Only dry, seasoned wood with a minimum 1 inch diameter may be burned, There shall be no burning of brush, yard waste, pine needles, pine branches, treated wood, cardboard, paper, rubber, plastics, or any other material that produces excessive sparks, smoke or flames.

No flammable liquids shall be used to start the fire or shall be added to the fire at any time.

A small amount of paper and kindling wood may be used to start the fire.

### **WEATHER**

Fires are not allowed during periods of drought, ozone alerts or wind gusts of 15 mph or greater.