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### **RESIDENTIAL BURNING GUIDELINES**

**RECREATIONAL FIRE** (2006 IFC, 302.1 Definitions) is defined as an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

#### **Outdoor Fire Pits / Outdoor Fire Places**

- Only approved portable outdoor fire pits and outdoor fire places available for purchase at most warehouse stores ("chimineas") shall fully contain the fire at the bottom. The fire container must be utilized in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- All outdoor fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other on-site fire-extinguishing equipment such as sand or a garden hose shall be available for immediate use. (2006 IFC, 307.5)
- All outdoor fire pits shall be at least 15 feet from any structure or combustible material. (i.e. house, deck, fence, shed, or trash)
- Recreational fires located on the ground shall be 25 feet from any structure or combustible material and will be subject to a NJ forest fire permit. (2006 IFC, 307.4.2)
- It is prohibited for any person to burn leaves, trash or any other combustible materials for waste purposes. (2006 IFC, 307.2.2)
- The Fire Department is authorized to require that residential fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to be a nuisance or constitute a hazardous condition. (2006 IFC, 307.1.1)

See Link below for NJ Forest Fire Provisions & restrictions. (N.J.S.A. 13:9-44.1 et seq.)

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/fire/permits.html>

**Bonfires and all public event** fires require an approved permit, site plan and site inspection from the Fire Official. (2006 IFC, 307.2.1)