



Recreational Fire Regulations

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The following regulations apply to all recreational fires in the Town of Minturn:

Recreational Fires

307.1 General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted in accordance with this section.

307.1.2. Definition. For the purposes of this section, a recreational fire is defined as the burning of clean fire wood where the fuel area is no greater than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes.

307.2 Prohibited burning. Outdoor burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to excessive smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. Open burning of rubbish containing paper products, garbage, solid waste, rubber or other petroleum based products (including tires), building material, roofing material, animal carcasses, plastics, tree limbs and leaves, and lawn clippings shall be prohibited.

307.2.1 Extinguishment Authority. The Eagle River Fire Protection District and Minturn Police Department are authorized to order the extinguishment of any recreational fire that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

307.3 Location. The location for recreational fires shall not be less than five (5) feet from any property line and ten (10) feet from any neighboring structure including wooden fences.

307.3.1 Fires within the 30' river setback. No recreational fires shall be permitted within thirty (30) feet of the high water mark of any live stream in the Town of Minturn. Portable cooking devices may be used in this area; however, the dumping of ash in the river or setback area is strictly prohibited.

307.4 Attendance. Recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces 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.

307.5 Additional Requirements. The following restrictions shall apply to all recreational fires and portable outdoor burning devices:

1. No recreational fire shall exceed three feet in diameter or two feet in height.
2. Only natural wood which has not been painted, varnished or coated with a similar material, has not been pressure treated with a preservative and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products shall be used for a recreational fire.

307.6 Bonfires. The Town of Minturn reserves the right to conduct a bonfire in accordance with guidelines established by the Eagle River Fire Protection District.

VIOLATORS OF THESE REGULATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000. (MINTURN MUNICIPAL CODE; 1-4-20)