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## **DEPARTMENT of FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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## GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF APPROVED CHIMINEAS, OUTDOOR FIREPLACES and OUTDOOR FIRE-PITS (Outdoor Burning Products)

- Fires shall not be conducted within twenty-five feet (25') of a structure or combustible materials.
- The fire cannot be more than three feet (3') in diameter. By definition, a fire larger than 3' is no longer considered a cooking or recreational fire.
- A fire extinguisher, garden hose or water bucket must be readily available for quick extinguishment.
- The burning of household trash, rubbish, painted and/or stained wood and construction debris is prohibited.
- Smoke as a result of a cooking or recreational fire that becomes a nuisance and/or health hazard to neighbors, that is reported to the fire department will be investigated. If deemed necessary, you will be instructed to extinguish the fire.
- Accelerants to ignite any fire are prohibited.
- Outdoor Burning Products shall be placed on a non-combustible, level surface.
- The use of Outdoor Burning Products on decks, porches, balconies, roofs, or near flammable or combustible materials is prohibited.
- All Outdoor Burning Products shall have a competent operator (18 year of age and older) at all times.
- All outdoor cooking and recreational fires in an Outdoor Burning Product shall be completely extinguished when concluded.
- All outdoor cooking and recreational fires should always be considered a hazard to curious children.

If the fire starts to burn out of control dial 911 immediately.