



Borough of Roselle Park

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Fire Prevention

Type 1 – Open Burn Permit \$75

The New Jersey Uniformed Fire Code:

307.2.1 Approval Required - Open burning shall be allowed after obtaining a permit from the fire official for a bonfire. All permits shall be requested by and issued to the owner or agent of the land upon which the bonfire is to be kindled.

307.2.1.1 Application - Application for open burning shall be submitted in writing at least ten days before the fire is set and shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the fire official. Such applications shall contain, as a minimum, information regarding the purpose of the proposed burning, the nature and qualities of material to be burned, the date when such burning will take place, the location of the burning site and the on-site fire-extinguishing equipment to be provided.

307.3 Extinguishment Authority- Where open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.

307.4 Location- the location for open burning shall be not less than 50 feet (15 240mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240mm) of any structure.

Exceptions : 1. Fires in approved container that are not less than 15 feet (4572mm) from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height.

307.4.1 Bonfires -A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240mm) of structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition

307.4.1.1 Bonfire size and duration - A bonfire shall not be more then 5 feet (1524mm) by 5 feet (1524mm) by 5 feet (1524 mm) in dimension and shall not burn longer than 3 hours. The maximum size of duration of a bonfire shall not be increased by the fire official unless it is determined that the fire safety requirements of the situation and the desirable duration of burn warrant the increase.

307.4.1.2 Material - Fuel for a bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and shall be ignited with a small quality of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.

307.4.2 Recreational fires - Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that such fires are not less than 15 feet (4572mm) from any structure.

307.5 Attendance- Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. **A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with a minimum of a 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.



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Date: _____

Owner/ Agent Name: _____ Owner/Agent #: _____

Owner/ Agent Address: _____

Owner/ Agent Email: _____

Purpose of proposed burning: _____

Type and Quantity of material to be burned: _____

Date when such burning will take place: _____

Location of the burning site: _____

I hear by agree that I have read and understand the above mentioned codes taking full responsibility for the above.

Owner/ Agent Signature: _____

***** Office Use*****

Receipt #: _____ Received Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____