

Permits

Bonfire Permit applications are available in the Bureau of Codes Office located at City Hall, Lower Level, 245 West Fourth Street.

Permit cost is \$200.00 per event.

Violation of any rules and regulations set forth by the International Fire Code and the Williamsport Codified Ordinances could result in citations being issued and the fire being extinguished.

Citation costs range from \$75 dollars to \$300 dollars.

City of Williamsport

Bureau of Fire



Recreational Fires & Open Burning

Bureau of Fire Headquarters

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Questions? Contact the office:
Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

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Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are defined as small fires used for either recreational use or cooking.

Both types of fires are allowed in the City as long as the following guidelines are adhered to:



1. Charcoal or wood burning fires only.
2. Safeguards are in place and fire extinguishers are present.
3. Fire does not give off noxious or offensive fumes or odors.

4. Fire is at least 15 feet away from any combustible materials and the property line.

5. Fire pit is not more than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.

6. No burning of household items. I.e. paper rubbish or garbage.

Manufactured fire pits or containers made of steel or brick are permitted for recreational uses.



Wood Burning Fire Pits

If a complaint is filed and the Fire Department responds and the Firefighters deem the fire to be a public nuisance, then the fire shall be extinguished.

Fires discharging smoke that creates public discomfort for neighboring properties could be extinguished.

Residents are allowed to construct their own fire pits. However, they are required to be inspected **PRIOR** to the first use.

Any device that is not pre-manufactured must be Pre-approved by the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal. *Per Article 1513 of the Codified Ordinances.*

Bonfires



Prior to the construction of any public bonfire, you must secure an approved Bonfire Permit. Permits are required to be submitted at least 30 days in advance and must be approved by the Bureau of Fire.