



MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY RULES

FIRE PITS AND OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

What is allowed:

Burning in a fire pit or other approved container (i.e. fireplace) provided:

- The fire pit is less than three feet in diameter
- The burning pile is less than two feet in height
- The fire pit or fireplace is at least 15 feet from any structure if it has a spark/flame arrestor; and
- The fire pit or fireplace is at least 25 feet from any structure if it DOES NOT have a spark/flame arrestor
- Burning seasoned firewood
- Burning that creates a limited amount of smoke and is not a nuisance to adjoining properties
- Burning that is attended by a person at all times (never unattended)

What is not allowed:

- Burning of yard waste (twigs, leaves, branches)
- Bonfires (without a permit from the Fire Department)
- Burning that creates large amounts of smoke and/or creates a nuisance or public health hazard
- Burning not contained in a fire pit or fireplace
- Burning within 15 feet of a structure
- Burning within 25 feet of a structure WITHOUT a cover or spark/flame arrestor
- Unattended burning/fires

****NOTE:** This does not apply to propane or charcoal grills.

For any questions or concerns, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-818-5253

