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RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING & GRILLING REQUIREMENTS

Code of Ordinance Section 9-12
International Fire Code (IFC) Section 307

Except as provided, open burning of any material, garbage, construction material, yard waste, or debris is prohibited within the corporate limits of the village at all times.

Exceptions.

- The burning of wood in fire pits and portable chimneys, used solely for recreational purposes, is allowed provided the fire is supervised by an adult and the smoke does not become a nuisance for adjacent property owners.
- Controlled burning of prairie plants and grasses in accordance with the IEPA regulations and approved in advance by the fire district.

Fire Pits

Open fire pits shall be located a minimum of 25 feet from all structures and combustible materials.

Fire pits enclosed with an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed enclosure shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from all structures and combustible materials.

Fire Size

Open fire woodpiles shall be less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.

Cast Aluminum or Ceramic Portable Chimney's (Chiminea) and Outdoor Fireplaces

UL listed portable chimney's and fireplaces shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from all structures and combustible materials.

Gas & Charcoal Grills

UL listed gas & charcoal grills shall not be placed or operated within ten (10) feet of any wood balcony, deck, or structure except on detached, one & two family dwellings.

Permit Required

A building permit is required for custom-built masonry fireplaces and grills. Permit applications are available from the Community Development Department or on the Village of Vernon Hills web site at www.vernonhills.org.