



# City of Seminole Fire Rescue

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## RECREATIONAL BURN POLICY

The City of Seminole Fire Rescue has the authority under Florida Fire Prevention Code, NFPA 1, 2016 Edition to require open burning fires used for recreational purposes to be immediately extinguished if the fire is too close to a structure or combustible material, not contained in an approved manner, or constitutes a hazardous condition due to atmospheric conditions or local circumstances.

### **PROHIBITED BURNING**

Permanent barbecues, portable barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, or grills ***shall not*** be used for the disposal of rubbish, trash or combustible waste material. See definitions below:

- ***Rubbish*** - Worthless, unwanted material that is rejected or thrown out; debris; litter.
- ***Trash*** - All kitchen and table food waste, animal or vegetative waste that is attendant or which result from the storage, packaging, preparation, cooking or handling of food materials.
- ***Combustible Waste Material*** – Treated Wood, Construction and Demolition Waste and Yard Waste.

### **REQUIRED REGULATIONS**

- Recreational fires shall not be located within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless contained in an approved manner.
- The fire shall be kept in an approved contained manner.
- Do not have the open burning under any low hanging trees or close to other vegetation.
- The fire shall be constantly attended by a competent adult until such fire is extinguished.
- The person attending the fire shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire-extinguishing equipment readily available for use.
- Never use any flammable or combustible liquids to start or accelerate the fire's growth.
- If you have a commercial fire pit, burn pit or chimney, only use per manufacturers specifications.
- Never wear loose fitting clothing to start the fire or while attending the open burning.
- When possible limit and/or extinguish hot embers produced by the fire.
- If for any reason the fire should become uncontrollable, get clear of the area and call 911.

However, the City of Seminole Fire Rescue **does not have the authority** to require or request open burning be extinguished if all requirements of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, NFPA 1, 2016 Edition are met, and the open burning is only considered a **nuisance** to neighboring occupancies. Open burning that is considered only to be a nuisance falls under the jurisdiction of Pinellas County Air Quality (727) 464-4422. Please refer to the County Ordinance 58, Article V for further information.

We hope that you are respectful of neighbors and have an enjoyable event keeping safety in mind at all times.

Please do not hesitate to contact the City of Seminole Fire Rescue Fire Marshal at 393-8711 ext. 212 should you have any questions or concerns.