



Ames Fire Department RECREATIONAL FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE FORM

The Ames Fire Department desires that all citizens enjoy recreational fires in a safe and lawful manner.

A recreational fire is **defined** as an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit.

In an effort to minimize damage and/or injury from fires, the Ames Fire Department requires all recreational fires to meet the following Ames municipal code requirements:

- The Fire shall be in an approved container (i.e.; chimineas, contained fire pit/ring, screened device).
- The Fire shall be greater than 15 feet from any combustibles (including decks, porches, buildings, furniture, vegetation, etc.).
- The Fire’s fuel shall be appropriate. The burning of garbage, refuse, leaves, landscape waste, and all other combustible materials is prohibited, except as specifically permitted by the Fire Chief.
- Flammable liquids shall NOT be used to ignite the fire (i.e., gas, diesel, etc.).
- The fire size shall be no larger than 3 feet (914 mm in diameter, and 2 feet (610 mm) in height.
- The smoke produced shall not be offensive (i.e., green or wet wood smoldering fire). Upon receipt of a complaint regarding the smoke or odors from open fires, the Fire Chief’s designee shall investigate and have the discretion to have the fire extinguished.
- Atmospheric conditions shall be appropriate for burning (i.e., no strong winds, overly dry conditions, etc.). The Fire Chief may prohibit any or all recreational fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous or a nuisance.
- There shall be an accessible/appropriate method available for fire extinguishment. A minimum of a portable fire extinguisher with 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.
- The fire shall be constantly attended by an adult person until the fire is fully extinguished.

Violations of any provision of Chapter 8, Fire Code, shall be a municipal infraction punishable by a penalty of **\$500** for a person’s first violation thereof, and a penalty of **\$750** for each repeat violation (City of Ames Municipal Code, Sec. 8.601, Penalties for Offenses Pertaining to the Fire Code). Receipt of this form constitutes a written Notice of Violation of the Code of the City of Ames.

Address _____

Date _____ **Time** _____

Property Owner/Occupant Name _____

Property Owner/Occupant Signature _____

Fire Department Member Signature _____