



City of St. Joseph

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Public Safety Department

Recreation Fires

The City Ordinance does allow for recreational fire in an approved fire pit as long as the following criteria are met:

As part of the an “approved fire pit” it must have a spark arresting lid, it must be at least 10 feet from any structures and or combustible materials (vegetation, decorations, etc.), it must be at least 10 feet from your property line; you will also need to make sure it is attend until it is extinguished, and you will need to keep a garden hose or an extinguisher available and nearby. Also if we should receive a complaint concerning the smoke from the recreational fire, you will be asked to extinguish the fire.

It is also recommend that you **check with your insurance carrier** to make sure you are covered should you have any issues.