



CITY OF BERE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF FIRE

**RECREATIONAL FIRES IN THE CITY OF BERE**  
**Based on the OHIO FIRE CODE and adopted by the City of Berea**

**Recreational fire:** A small backyard type fire, normally found at a campground.

**Bonfire:** An outdoor fire, usually large, utilized for **ceremonial** purposes. **(Permits Required)**.

**Open Burning:** A fire used to burn yard waste, building material or trash. **(Prohibited)**

**307.1.1 Prohibited Fires:** Any fire that is objectionable or offensive due to smoke or odor shall be prohibited. The Fire Chief may prohibit any fire due to atmospheric conditions, (high winds or excessive dryness, etc.)

*The Fire Department may extinguish any fire that they feel is hazardous.*

**307.4 Location:** The location for any recreational fire shall not be closer than 15' to any structure or property line and have approved containment. Wood must be dry and seasoned. It should give off a minimum of smoke and odor.

**307.5 Attendance:** Any recreational fire or bonfire shall be constantly attended by a competent, responsible person until the fire is extinguished. Extinguishment must be considered and provided for using a garden hose, bucket of water, fire extinguisher, etc.

**307.4.1 Bonfire size and duration:** A bonfire shall be of limited size and duration per the Fire Chief or designee. It shall not be conducted within 50' of any structure. The location must be approved by the Fire Chief or designee. Fuel for a bonfire shall consist only of seasoned dry fire wood and shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.

**307.2 Permits:** All permits shall be requested and issued to the owner of the land which the bonfire is to be kindled. **Permits will be required by the Berea Fire Department and the Ohio EPA.**

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