



**Kerrville Fire Marshal**  
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## **Section 5**

### **Bonfires/Recreational Fires**

These guidelines are to be followed when a person, group, or organization proposes to perform an organized bonfire or recreational fire, within the City of Kerrville.

All bonfire operations for the purposes of these guidelines and any other guidelines or requirements of the Fire Marshal, shall conform to the *International Fire Code* as adopted and amended by the City of Kerrville and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requirements.

This guide does not replace, nor supersede any adopted codes and/or ordinances adopted by the City of Kerrville, or determinations and positions of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal.

#### **General Requirements**

1. Burning shall be commenced and conducted only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, landing strip, navigable water, or off-site structure containing sensitive receptor(s).
2. The location for bonfires shall not be less than 300-feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 300-feet of any structure or adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the adjacent occupant with possessory control.
3. The location for recreational fires shall not be less than 150-feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 150-feet of any structure or adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the adjacent occupant with possessory control.
4. Burning shall be conducted in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations:
  - a. Burning shall not be commenced when surface wind speed is predicted to be less than five miles per hour (mph) or greater than 10 mph during the burn period.
  - b. Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent low-level atmospheric temperature inversions.
5. Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.
6. Bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 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, or as otherwise required by the Fire Department.

#### **Submittal Requirements**

7. A detailed site plan must be submitted by the sponsoring organization, and shall include at the minimum the following.
  - a. A site plan/drawing of the proposed burn site area, to include vehicle parking, buildings, obstructions, and roadways.
  - b. Designate the burn site
  - c. List of materials to be burned
8. Each submittal shall have a completed Kerrville Fire Marshal Burn Permit application.

#### **Additional Information**

9. Plans approved by the City of Kerrville, Fire Marshal give authorization for operation. Final approvals are subject to field verification. Any approval issued by the Fire Marshal does not release the operators from the responsibility of full compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances relating to the bonfire or recreational fire.
10. All installations and/or operations must concur with the approved plans. Any deviation from the approved plans requires a re-submittal to the Fire Marshal.
11. All fire marshal inspection forms and permits shall be kept in a permit packet on the site until completion of event.