

## Open Burning Defined

### OPENBURNING.

The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber.

Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames or recreational fires. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.



## Recreational Fire Defined

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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 and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.



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# Regulations for Outdoor Fires in the City of Easton

1. **Open Burning** - is **not allowed** within Easton City limits. (See definitions)

2. **Recreational Fires** - are allowed within Easton City limits with the following provisions. (See definitions)

A. All recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.

B. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other onsite fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

C. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

D. Recreational fires in UL approved containers shall not be used within 15 feet of a structure.

E. Recreational fires that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

F. The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of any fire which creates a hazardous or objectionable situation.

Examples of UL approved containers



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In conclusion have fun, be safe, and be courteous of your neighbors. Enjoying a recreational fire is a privilege not a right.