



## Prohibitions:

Burn Barrels of any sort are prohibited.

Tires, used oil, gasoline, diesel fuel or similar accelerants used to start fire are prohibited.

Any fire is prohibited on any day designated as an Air Quality Alert Day.

Any fire larger than cited in Ordinance without a permit is prohibited.

Disposing of yard debris, building or construction material or household trash is prohibited.

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## SHELBYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### FIRE PITS & RECREATIONAL FIRES

*The Shelbyville Fire  
Department has provided  
the following information  
to address allowances  
and requirements for fire  
pits and /or recreational  
fires within the  
boundaries of the City of  
Shelbyville.*





## ALLOWANCES For Fire Pits and Recreational Fires

City of Shelbyville Ordinance #73-006 allows for fire pits and recreational fires granted certain conditions are met.

Fire Pits must meet the requirements set forth in 73.009 and not be larger than 3' x 3' x 3' unless approved by the Fire Department. (NO PERMIT NEEDED)

Recreational fires can not be larger than 5' x 5' x 5' in size. (PERMIT IS REQUIRED)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

- Can I have a campfire in my backyard? Recreational fire are allowed with a permit.
- When do I need a permit? A permit is required when you are having a bonfire or recreational fire on the ground, not contained in an acceptable fire pit or fireplace.
- How do I get a permit? Permit applications are available at the Shelbyville Fire Department located at 1040 Main Street.
- Does it cost money? No.
- What can I burn? Only clean, dry firewood.
- When can I burn? If you are using an approved fire pit or fireplace you can burn almost any time you want. The exception to this is when the wind is blowing at 15 mph or higher, or there is an Air Quality Alert in effect.
- What types of fires do not need a permit? If you are grilling or cooking food for non-commercial purposes, you will not need a permit. Fires meeting the requirements of the ordinance for fire pits do not need a permit.
- What is an approved fire pit? A fire pit is a device built or manufactured for small recreational fires. A permanently constructed fire pit or fireplace must be constructed or completely lined with a non-combustible material.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-CONTINUED

- I want to clean up my yard, is it ok to burn those branches and trees? No, yard waste or debris is prohibited. Having a fire with the purpose of disposing of yard waste is not allowed.
- What if my neighbor is burning stuff in their yard? You can report illegal burn activities to the Shelbyville Fire Department.
- Can someone have a small fire to keep warm while working at a construction site? This activity is permitted under the Kentucky Open Burn Statute and outside temperature is below freezing 32 degrees F.



Example of an approved fire pit