

Wauwatosa Fire Department Mission Statement

The Wauwatosa Fire Department is dedicated to providing the highest quality customer service. We will protect lives and property through fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue, education, and disaster management. We will treat our customers with compassion and respect and strive for excellence in everything we do.

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Wauwatosa Resident or Interested Party

City of Wauwatosa Outdoor Burning Guidelines



Outdoor Burning on Private Property

Outdoor burning is allowed at single-family homes, duplexes, and townhomes provided the following regulations are met:

- Only small fires are allowed (maximum 3-foot diameter by 2-foot height) that are contained in a non-combustible chiminea, outdoor fireplace, portable fire pit, or other approved method.
- All openings in the container must be covered with wire mesh or other screening materials that will prevent the passage of embers or sparks.
- Fires must be kept at least 10 feet from structures or combustible materials.
- Fires must be under constant supervision by a competent person.
- A Fire extinguisher, garden hose, or other means of extinguishment must be readily available.
- No burning may take place on a combustible deck or surface.

Gas-Fueled Fire Features

Any outdoor, gas-fueled fire must comply with the following requirements in addition to those listed on the previous page:

- UL listed for intended use

Examples of Approved Methods



Items Needing Approval Prior to Installation/Use

- Any permanent or portable fire feature that does not meet the requirements outlined in this flyer
- Any fire feature proposed for commercial or multi-family development
- Bonfires for ceremonial purposes (permit required)

Items Not Allowed to Be Burned

- Garbage
- Leaves, garden refuse, or yard waste
- Waste materials from commercial construction

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