

Open Burning Guide

The City of Bowling Green does allow outdoor recreational type fires.

Location and Size:

1. The minimum distance from a structure or combustible material shall be 15 feet if the fire is contained in an approved container.
2. A Chiminea, metal ring, stone/brick, surrounds, outdoor fireplace, or a metal container with a wire mesh screen are examples of approved containers.
3. Your recreational fire can be no larger than 3 feet or less diameter and 2 feet or less height.
4. If no approved container is utilized, the minimum distance from a structure or combustible material shall be 25 feet. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Material to burn:

Only clean, seasoned, and dry fire wood can be used. Do not use yard waste, trash or rubbish. DO NOT burn tree trimmings, yard waste, leaves, grass, trash or construction materials.

Attendance:

Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until fire is extinguished. A fire extinguisher, garden hose, water barrel, dirt or sand shall be available for immediate utilization.

Despite all precautions being taken, it will be at the discretion of the Bowling Green Fire Division to extinguish or have extinguished any fire that does not fall within these guidelines or that which could be considered a nuisance. The Fire Division will prohibit open burning that is offensive/objectionable due to smoke/odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions make such fires hazardous.