

By definition, a "recreational campfire" means an outdoor fire that is used for cooking, personal warmth, light or ceremonial or aesthetic purposes that is not a part of debris disposal (AKA burning brush). A residential fire contained within an outdoor fireplace also falls into this category.

According to Sec. 4. 12MRSA §9324, sub-5

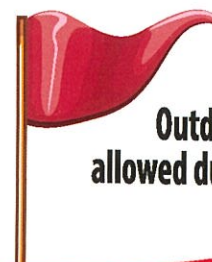
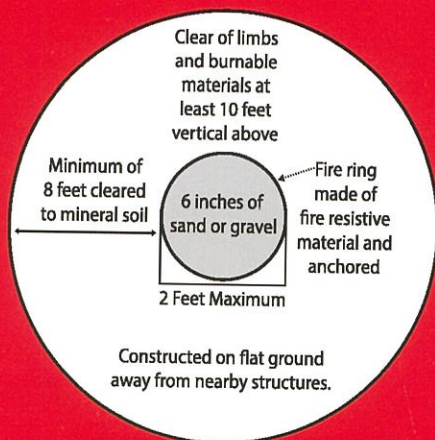
A person who kindles or uses a recreational campfire may not allow the recreational campfire to exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire or 3 feet in height. If the fire exceeds that size, then a burn permit is required. These burn permits can be obtained without cost at www.maineburnpermit.com or from your local fire dept.



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As a reminder, burning of plastic, rubber, styrofoam, metals, food wastes, chemicals, treated wood or other solid waste is prohibited. All fires must be extinguished before leaving the area.

MAINE FOREST SERVICE RECOMMENDED SAFE CAMPFIRE AREA



Outdoor burning is no longer allowed during Red Flag Warnings

A Red Flag Warning is issued when warm temperatures, very low relative humidities and stronger winds are expected to produce an increased risk of fire danger. It also informs the public, firefighters and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire combustion and rapid spread.

The National Weather Service (NWS) in conjunction with the Maine Forest Service (MFS), issues these important warnings that cover a specific length of time within a certain geographic area. Local media and the NWS / MFS websites will broadcast Red Flag Warnings in the early morning, several hours before they go into affect.

If you plan on burning outside, the MFS daily fire danger rating page (www.maine-fireweather.org) is a good place to check first.

As of October 25, 2023, it is unlawful to have any type of outdoor fire until the Red Flag Warning is over. This fire safety measure is due to the critical fire conditions during a Red Flag Warning that make it easy for a fire to escape.

NEVER LEAVE BURNS UNATTENDED