

# Fire Pits

## Approved Kane County Fire Pit Guidelines

The guidelines for campfires at “Permanently” Improved places of habitation are listed below. These are the guidelines for cabins and Recreation Vehicles that are set up for the summer in the unincorporated areas of Kane County. Fire Pits must be inspected and approved prior to initial use.

### GUIDELINES

- Campfire must be contained within a pit 18 inches deep into mineral soil, absent of roots or any other organic material or a solid ring made of non-combustible material that is at least 18 inches in height that will contain the fuel wood or coals while shielding the ashes from being blown by the wind. **The 18 inches from the top of the fire pit down to the base of the fire pit where the fire wood is placed, can be a combination of the fire ring and earthen sides.**
- 6 inches of gravel must be under the fire pit for insulation bringing the entire fire pit depth to 24 inches. (This allows for drainage and prevents roots under the fire pit from igniting and spreading fire).
- Maintain 18 inch depth of the pit (top of the fire pit to the top of the gravel used for insulation) by removing built up ash and other materials; assure disposed materials are completely extinguished. **Do not dump hot ashes into dumpsters.** Ashes will retain heat longer than you think.
- Camp fires must be at least 15 feet away from any combustible vegetation or structures, vertically and horizontally. Fire resistant vegetation as part of the landscaping is excluded.
- 6 feet around the fire pit must be cleared to mineral soil. This can be covered with decorative rock or stone.
- One person 18 years of age or older must attend the fire at all times.
- 10 gallons of water or more must be dedicated and immediately available on-site for fire suppression. A charged garden hose that reaches the fire pit may be substituted in place of the 10 gallons of water.
- At least one standard sized shovel must be dedicated and immediately available on-site for fire suppression.
- Campfires must be completely extinguished, cold to the touch, when not attended. (Code 76-6-404.5)
- Persons responsible for escaped or unattended campfires are subject to prosecution and suppression costs. (Code 76-6-104.5 or 76-6-104)
- Firewood should be in lengths short enough to keep wood contained inside the fire pit and flame height should not exceed 2 feet.
- Campfires within the Cedar Mountain Fire Protection District must have an Approved Fire Pit Permit document on premises.



For further information contact the Cedar Mountain Fire Department at (435) 682-3225.