

# Southgate Fire Department



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City of Southgate  
Outdoor Burning Do's and Don'ts

- Fires must not be burned between the hours of 11:00 pm and 11:00 am.
- Do not build a fire on the ground.
  - The fire must be contained in an approved outdoor fireplace enclosed with a spark screen. The fireplace must be located at least 15 feet from any structure, lot line, public way (road or sidewalk or any combustible material) (Example: trees, brush or material that will burn or melt).
- Do not leave fire unattended.
  - A means to extinguish the fire such as a garden hose or a fire extinguisher must be readily accessible. A responsible adult must remain in constant attendance of the fire.
- Burn only dry seasoned firewood.
  - Construction lumber, treated lumber, or brush clippings can produce smoke and unpleasant smells which will generate neighbor complaints. The proper fuel to be burned is dry seasoned firewood only.

## Notice

**The extinguishment of any fire will be ordered when deemed a nuisance due to excessive smoke or offensive odor.**

**In Wayne County it is not permissible to burn grass/brush clippings, trees as a means of disposal (utilize the GFL Trash Service for yard waste disposal)**

**The homeowner is responsible for any damage to property or persons caused by a fire.**

Ceremonial Bonfires require a permit. (Apply through the fire department)

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