



Town of Cheshire

Office of the Fire Marshal

Guidelines for the use of

Recreational campfires, bonfires, fire pits, chimineas and other similar devices

The Town of Cheshire does allow for the use of recreational campfires. The following requirements shall be followed:

- Fire pits shall not be any larger than four feet (4') across
- The fire shall be at least ten feet (10') from any structure or wooded area
- The fire shall be constantly attended by a responsible adult
- There shall be no campfires if the state forest fire danger index is "high"
- If any member of the Fire Marshal's Office or Fire Department deems the fire to be a hazard, it shall be extinguished
- Burn only clean, non-processed wood. You shall not burn, construction debris, painted or treated wood. You shall not burn garbage or trash. Grass, leaves, mulch or evergreen branches, that would cause excessive smoke shall not be burned
- If the fire is deemed a nuisance it shall be extinguished: *A nuisance is considered to be, the unreasonable, unwarranted, or unlawful use of one's property in a manner that substantially interferes with the use or enjoyment of another individual's real property, without an actual trespass or physical invasion to the land.*

There may be additional requirements or special conditions applied to your use of recreational campfires.

Failure to adhere to the conditions of these guidelines may result in penalties and/or enforcement actions.

Questions or further information please contact the Cheshire Fire Marshal's Office

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