

Sidney Fire & Emergency Services Open Burning Checklist

Location (exact address): _____

Name of adult responsible for fire: _____

First, determine the type of open-fire you are dealing with and use its corresponding checkboxes.

Propane or Charcoal/Wood Cooking Grills are permitted under the following conditions:

- _____ Food is being cooked
- _____ AND Smoke from cooking is not producing noxious or offensive smells that could make someone sick. Normal cooking odors are allowed and expected.
- _____ AND Only CLEAN WOOD or charcoal is being used (e.g. smoke cookers allowed)
- _____ For APARTMENT Buildings (defined as 3 or more units), cooking is allowed on balconies if at least ONE of the following conditions are present:
 - _____ A Natural Gas Grill is being used supplied by a pre-plumbed gas line that was installed when the building was constructed.
 - _____ OR the balcony is sprinklered.
 - _____ OR If a ground floor apartment, the grill is at least 10' from the structure

Campfires & "makeshift devices" (e.g. tire rims, stone fire rings, metal drums, etc...) are permitted under the following conditions:

- _____ The fire is at least 25' from structures and other combustibles (ex. Wood pile, brush pile, etc...)
- _____ AND Only CLEAN seasoned firewood or equivalent is being used (no waste disposal – even if clean)
- _____ AND A means of extinguishment is nearby and ready to be used (ex. Garden hose, bucket of water, extinguisher, etc...)
- _____ AND the fire is no larger than 3' in diameter and/or 2' in height
- _____ AND the fire is constantly attended by an adult (18 years or older)
- _____ AND the Smoke is not an objectionable condition (ex. Health, Smoke in neighbor's house, etc...)
- _____ AND hazardous conditions do not exist (ex. Dry/drought conditions, smoke obscuring traffic, high winds, etc...)

Patio Appliances, Portable Outdoor & Adobe Fireplaces are permitted under the following conditions:

- _____ Smoke is not causing objectionable condition (e.g. health, smoke in neighbor's house)
- _____ AND Only CLEAN seasoned firewood or equivalent is being used (no waste disposal – even if clean)
- _____ AND the fire is constantly attended by an adult (18 years or older)
- _____ AND the fire is at least 15' from any structures, decks, and other combustibles unless screen is in place – then it may be on a combustible surface but still 15' from structure
- _____ AND a means of extinguishment is nearby and ready to be used (ex. Garden hose, bucket of water, extinguisher, etc...)

The person responsible for a fire not in compliance with the City Ordinance will receive a WARNING for the first occurrence, and will receive a CITATION for any occurrence(s) thereafter