

Friday Facts

We have been asked “Are outdoor fire pits allowed in the Village of Norridge?”

Village Ordinance 1852-16 states: “ The open burning of any paper, garbage, refuse, automobiles, waste, leaves, clippings or other combustible material is prohibited, with the exception of the following:

1. Fires set by a public official in the performance of an official duty.
2. Fires used for private or public recreational purposes.
3. Fires in outdoor fireplaces designed for cooking food.

General restrictions: No such fire referred to in subsections A.2. and A.3. of this section shall be used as an incinerator, or be permitted to become a nuisance or a source of annoyance or discomfort to any person by reason of the emission of smoke, fumes, fly ash, dust or soot as elsewhere prohibited by this article.

Specific restrictions:

- 1.Private open fires cannot be left unattended.
- 2.Only seasoned wood (wood that is split and dried for at least six months) can be burned.
- 3.No open fires which emit smoke.
- 4.A connected garden hose or other means to extinguish the fire must be readily available.
- 5.The use of flammable or combustible liquids is not permitted.
- 6.Police and fire department officers are authorized to require that a private open fire be immediately extinguished and discontinued if it is determined that the fire is not in compliance with the above rules, the smoke is offensive to nearby neighbors, or the burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

