



Lake County

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Fire Prevention Safety Requirements

- Burn only during daylight hours.
- Fire must be attended at all times.
- A person 18 years of age or older is required to be present.
- **Fire must be of manageable size. Piles no larger than 5'x5'x5' are required in most areas**
- Fire may not pose a danger to the safety of any building, structure or nearby trees and vegetation. At least 25' distance is required in most areas.
- Must have a sufficient source of water, dirt or sand to extinguish the fire.
- Burn only on calm days to prevent wind from spreading sparks or flames.
- Smoke should not present a hazard to visibility on roadways.

Only property-generated landscape waste may be burned. Landscape waste generally means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. Some communities prohibit burning grass or green materials. **Garbage and construction materials are not included.** No fires may be set in any public right-of-way (including ditches), public land or public places.

Many municipalities have special use permits or other regulations regarding recreational fires. Check with your municipality or local fire department for these regulations.