

FIRE PITS AND COOKING GRILLS

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Manitowoc Fire Department

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WHAT FIRES ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

Fires for cooking and/or fires for fun.

WHAT MAY I BURN?

Your grills may be electrical, or burn charcoal, LP Gas, or clean (unpainted, unstained, untreated) wood.

WHERE MAY I PLACE MY FIRE PIT?

Fire pits (both portable and permanent) must be:

- ***At least 30' from any living quarters and**
- ***At least 20' from any combustible building.**

*** Existing fire pits not in compliance with these limits may be acceptable if safe and approved by the Fire Department.

*** For the purpose of interpretation of the Fire Pit Ordinance, a wooden deck attached to a living unit is considered part of the unit, thus requiring 30' separation between a deck and a fire pit.

HOW BIG MAY I MAKE MY FIRE?

The fire may not exceed 3' in diameter, and the flames may not extend more than 2' above the pit or appliance.

WHAT ABOUT FIRE SAFETY?

Fires in fire pits must be constantly attended, and have a garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available.

WHAT IF MY NEIGHBOR COMPLAINS?

The smoke may not cause a problem for your neighbor. If it does, a complaint will result in an order to extinguish.

(OVER FOR "GRILLS AT APARTMENTS" INFORMATION)

FOR APARTMENT USE ONLY

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY APARTMENT?

You must obey this ordinance if your apartment is:

*In a building with at least two other apartments;

OR

*In a building used for commercial or industrial purposes.

MAY I USE MY GRILL ON MY BALCONY?

The **ONLY** grill acceptable is an electric grill. All other grills are prohibited

MAY I USE MY CHARCOAL GRILL ON THE GROUND?

Yes, but you must be at least:

*10' away from any combustible patio

AND

*15' away from any combustible wall partition, exterior window, or exit.