

CITY OF MEADVILLE

BURNING FAQS



Q Can I have a recreational fire?

The only legal fires residents can have are small recreational fires of cut and seasoned firewood, and are contained (ex. in a fire pit). These fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, or a garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization. Any recreational fire that is found to be offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. No other burning whatsoever is permitted in the City of Meadville.

Q Can I have a bonfire?

A bonfire requires a permit from the Fire Department. There must be at least 50 feet clearance from any combustibles. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Bonfires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, or a garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization. Any bonfire that is found to be offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. No other burning whatsoever is permitted in the City of Meadville.

Q Can I burn leaves?

No, leaves cannot be burned in the City of Meadville. Public Works picks up bagged leaves from residents during October and November every year. Tri-County also offers leaf pick-up when bagged properly.