



# TOWN OF BURLINGTON

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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#### Use of Chimineas or Fire Pits for Outside Cooking or Recreational Fires

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Burlington does not require permits for the use of chimineas or outside fire pits for the purpose of cooking or recreational fires.

- Chimineas and fire pits shall not be placed within 25 feet of any structure. The term structure includes, but is not limited to, a house, deck or porch, garage, shed, swing set and fence.
- Chimineas and fire pits must be placed on a flat non-combustible surface clear of any dry vegetation or combustibles.
- Chimineas and fire pits must be small and manageable. No greater than three (3) feet in diameter.
- Never use an accelerant such as gasoline to light the fire.
- It is recommended that a screen be in place to prevent embers from igniting nearby combustibles and injuring nearby people.
- The chiminea and fire pit must be attended at all times.
- A method of extinguishment such as a garden hose must be in place at the ready.
- The burning of trash and/or construction debris is prohibited.
- A smoke complaint from a neighbor will result in a fire department response which may lead to the fire department asking the responsible party to extinguish the fire.