

South Euclid



Fire Department

Open Burning Regulations

A quick synopsis

According to the Ohio Fire Code; open burning is allowed in the City of South Euclid without permit. The types of open burning allowed without having to obtain a permit are as follows:

1. In an approved container such as a chimney, fire box, etc. Said container must be approved and cannot be located on any combustible surface (a deck is a combustible surface) Container must be at least 15 feet from any combustible surface. (307.4; exception 1)
2. Open flame cooking devices such as charcoal burners and other open flame cooking devices are allowed but must NOT be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction (a deck is a combustible construction). (308.3.1)
3. Recreational fires as long as they are located at least 25 feet away from any and all combustible structure or combustible materials. (307.4.2)

Materials allowed to be burned in approved containers or in recreational fires are clean, dry, seasoned hardwoods ONLY. You may NOT burn yard waste (twigs, leaves or brush) or household garbage.

Recreational fires must not exceed 3 feet in diameter and no more than 2 feet in height. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher having a minimum size of 4 A rating or other approved on site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization. (307.5)

Any open burning; this includes fires in approved containers, open flame cooking devices and recreational fires; that is offensive or objectionable because of odor or smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazards shall be prohibited. (307.1.1)

Extinguishment authority: The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible or the fire department of the open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. (307.3)