

# City of Linden Fire Department Recreational Burning Guide



The City of Linden allows, by permit only, open recreational burning within the City limits. This privilege is allowed if residents use caution, common sense, and are considerate of their neighbors. The Fire Chief inspects over 130 locations requesting burn permits annually, in order to make sure the area an applicant wants to use for burning meets the requirements of the permit. As you can imagine, this many campfires in town has caused some issues in the past. After a recent increase in calls about fires, we feel the need to address this, and provide an explanation of how open burning is monitored and enforced. Please read and follow the guidelines so everyone can stay safe, enjoy campfires, and be considerate of your neighbors.

## Guidelines for Recreational Burning

- Apply for a permit at City Hall at the cost of \$10.00. Permits are good thru the end of the calendar year in which they are purchased (Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>).
- After applying for the, permit, the Fire Chief will inspect the burn pit area to make sure it is at least 10 ft. away from any structure or combustible materials. Burn pits must be surrounded with a non-combustible material such as a metal ring, brick or stone, so the fire cannot spread. After the inspection, a copy of the permit will be left on site for your records and so you can reference the rules printed on the back.
- A campfire **must** be attended to while any burning is being done. It is suggested that a hose is brought out to the area in case it is needed to extinguish the fire.
- You may burn wooden logs and or sticks, but **NO** building materials, leaves, or garbage.
- Campfires are intended for recreational use only. Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not burn every day, numerous times throughout the week, or in a way that the smoke is a nuisance to your neighbors. The permit is intended to allow periodic burning, not continuous use. Campfires must be extinguished each night at least ½ hour before dark, or by 11 p.m. in the summer.
- Make sure weather conditions are considered, including wind direction, wind speed, and extra dry conditions. (Please contact City Hall if you are unsure about burning conditions 810-735-7980)
- If the Fire Chief or Fire Department gets called for a complaint regarding a fire, which is illegal, a warning will be given and the fire must be extinguished. If we have to come back out regarding a fire, fines can be given in accordance with our City ordinance.

Be safe, enjoy, and be considerate of your neighbors when having a campfire!