



## Plainfield Fire Protection District

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### Fire Pit Safety

Many people enjoy outdoor fire pits. Fire pits are often used to describe outside patio style burning confined to brick or stone enclosures, portable metal containers designed for outdoor fire use and chimineas. With the growing popularity of fire pits the Plainfield Fire Protection District has some safety guidelines for you to keep in mind while enjoying your outdoor fire pit.

- Fire pits should be kept at least 10 feet away from combustible construction and three feet away from everything else.
- Do not locate your fire pit under trees because a spark or ember could potentially ignite foliage and branches.
- Always keep a garden hose, fire extinguisher, or bucket of sand nearby for extinguishing a small fire that may arise from an ember or spark.
- Use kindling to start your fire, never use an accelerant.
- Only use materials approved by the manufacturer of your fire pit for burning. The burning of garbage or building materials is not allowed.
- Don't overload your fire pit; doing so can cause the fire to become too large and there's the potential for burning logs to fall out of an overloaded fire pit.
- It is recommended that you have a screen for your fire pit to contain sparks and embers.
- Please keep children and pets away from the fire pit.
- Please don't leave your fire pit unattended; always extinguish your fire before leaving or going indoors.
- Ashes should be stored in a metal can with a lid, away from combustibles.
- Always use your fire pit according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

With proper planning and safety precautions you can enjoy your fire pit. For more fire safety information please call the Plainfield Fire Protection District at 815-436-5335. ###