

City of Derby Regulations for Open Burning:

decorative outdoor fire pits, chimeneas, and BBQ pits

Open burning

A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning including bonfires, recreational fires and ceremonial fires without receiving a permit from the fire code official.

Decorative outdoor fire pits, chimeneas, and BBQ pits

The use of these outdoor items is allowed with the following guidelines:

- Open burning in approved containers or appliances is allowed without a permit at single family homes, duplexes and town homes.
- Fires in approved containers or appliances should not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- Fires must be constantly attended by an adult with a fire extinguisher or a water source nearby.
- No container or appliance that burns a solid fuel product, such as wood or charcoal, should be used on a combustible (wood) deck.
- Decorative outdoor fire pits, chimeneas and BBQ pits cannot be used within 10 feet of a combustible source, such as the residence.
- Chimneys on fire pits, chimeneas or BBQ pits should have a minimum of 3/8 inch screening. Decorative outdoor fire pits should have a cover constructed of a minimum of 3/8 inch screening.
- The burning of yard waste, leaves, brush, vines, evergreen needles, treated lumber, garbage or paper products is prohibited.
- A fire officer, police officer, or code enforcement officer may deem any open fire or use of a chimenea, outdoor fireplace or fire pit which may be hazardous or creating a nuisance to be extinguished.

If you have questions, please contact Derby Fire Chief Brad Smith at 788-4435 or bradsmith@derbyweb.com.