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## **Bath Fire Department**



### **PUBLIC GUIDE FOR LEGAL TYPES OF OUTDOOR BURNING**

The City of Bath's Fire Department has created this handout to help inform residents and visitors of the rules surrounding outdoor burning here in Bath and to keep recreational activities safe and enjoyable

## LEGAL TYPES OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN BATH:

1. Cooking with standard barbecue equipment
2. Use of outdoor fireplaces, portable fire bowls and chimineas:

\* These shall be at least 15 feet from a structure, combustible material and property lines.

3. Campfires not in a fireplace shall require a permit. Campfires are defined as burning clean, dry, cord type firewood as in a standard campfire setting. Campfires are allowed on snow covered ground without a permit.

\* The permit is required to be present at the time of burning. Permits may be obtained online at [www.wardensreport.com](http://www.wardensreport.com) or by visiting the Bath Fire Department after 9:00am.

\* The fire must be in a pit or fire ring, less than 3 feet in diameter with pile less than 2 feet in height.



Classifications can be found online at [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)

## ADDITIONAL RULES THAT APPLY TO LEGAL TYPES OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN BATH:

- ◇ When burning is conducted on public property, or the property of someone other than the owner, the person responsible for outdoor burning shall demonstrate that permission has been obtained by the appropriate government agency, property owner, or the property owner's authorized agent.
- ◇ A responsible adult shall be in attendance at all times.
- ◇ Smoke from any outdoor burning must not create a public nuisance.
- ◇ **No burning** of trash.
- ◇ Construction materials, leaves, brush, deadwood and tree cuttings accrued from normal property maintenance requires a permit.
- ◇ A method of extinguishment shall be available at time of outdoor burning such as a fire extinguisher or garden hose.
- ◇ No outdoor burning is allowed if winds are greater than 15 mph or the State Forest Division has classified the fire danger as more than a class 2 day.