

OPEN BURNING

Open burning is the burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire, or other fire in an outdoor location where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit. Open burning is not allowed without permit. (Purchase a Burn Permit for Butte-Silver Bow County at www.burnpermits.mt.gov. General permit requirements consist of adequate separation distances, adequate water or fire suppression sources, weather conditions, and proper supervision.

OUTDOOR FIREPLACE RULES ARE SHARED BELOW

A burn permit is **not required for portable outdoor fireplaces**. For structures other than a residence (one or two family dwelling), outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible materials.

Backyard Fireplaces



The Fire Department receives numerous questions regarding the use of backyard fireplaces/fire pits in the City limits. The fireplaces may be found at local hardware stores and are typically constructed of metal or ceramic material. The Butte-Silver Bow Fire Prevention Office has allowed the use of these fireplaces under the following circumstances:

- ❖ Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- ❖ Fire shall be attended at all times.
- ❖ Must have an extinguishing source within ten (10) feet.