



City of  
**LEMON GROVE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

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Lemon Grove Fire Department  
Guidelines for  
Recreational Fire Devices

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this document is to provide information and safe operation of the permissible types of recreational fire devices with the City of Lemon Grove.

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**Scope:**

The City of Lemon Grove Fire Department has developed a standard for the use of recognized “confined fire devices” on private property. The City **DOES NOT PERMIT OPEN BURNING** of any type. A confined fire device is defined as a commercially manufactured **PORTABLE** above ground device that does not allow any embers to escape to the ground or atmosphere. All openings pertaining to an approved fire device must be protected with mesh screen (or other method) of spark and ember suppression. Residents should contact the fire department for additional information regarding if a device is approved for use within the city prior to purchasing the appliance. Open burning is defined as any type of fire that is directly connected to the ground. Once again these types of fires are not permitted within the City of Lemon Grove.

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**Guidelines:**

- Residents are encouraged to evaluate the safety of utilizing an approved open fire device prior to purchasing or igniting a fire in the device. Recreational fire may cause severe injuries to people and property. The safety of infants and children must be of first concern prior to making the decision to utilize a dangerous device.
- Residents must have a suitable clear area, free of any combustibles for a minimum of twenty feet in all directions, to utilize a confined fire device.

- Residents can not abandon a confined fire device at any time.
- Resident and/or user of a confined fire device is responsible for any injury or property damage resulting from use of a fire device.
- The recreational fire must be completely extinguished when finished with device.
- Embers must never be disposed of in household trash cans. This WILL cause a fire which WILL damage your property and put you and your family and friends at risk of severe injury or death.
- Fire Safety must be of primary concern when persons are near or around any kind of fire.

**\*IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911  
IMMEDIATELY\***