

INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN OUTDOOR BURNING

IS OUTDOOR BURNING ALLOWED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS?

Pursuant to the City of Snyder Code of Ordinance

13.02.163 (5) - It shall be unlawful for any person to burn trash, garbage, refuse, or rubbish within the city.

If the fire is not within a permanent outdoor fireplace/firepit, chiminea, or portable outdoor fireplace/pit, or if it does not meet the definition of a recreational fire, the fire department will extinguish the fire, and a citation may be issued.

“Burn barrels” are not allowed.



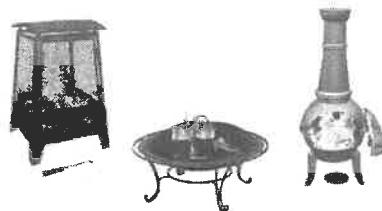
Chimineas, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces/Fire Pits

Allowed provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The device is used following the manufacturer's instructions.
2. The device's designed fuel loading is not exceeded.
3. Rubbish or yard waste is not being burned.
4. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
5. Some means of immediate extinguishment are kept close at hand. Acceptable means of extinguishment include a garden hose, a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or dirt or sand with some application means.
6. For non-residential occupancies and apartment buildings having three or more units, the device must be at least 15 feet away from structures and combustible materials.

* Note: Condition # 6 does not apply to single-family homes or duplexes.

7. Not allowed if the county is under a Burn Ban.



Recreational Fires (i.e. campfires)

Allowed provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The fuel area must be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height (i.e., no larger than an ordinary campfire).
2. Only cut wood logs are being burned. No rubbish. (See definition below)
3. The fire is 25 feet away from any building, wood pile, dry brush, dry grass, or other flammables. (i.e., grass, wood, trees).
4. Conditions are not conducive to fire spread (such as extremely dry weather or 20 mph winds or greater).
5. The fire is constantly attended until it is completely extinguished.
6. Some means of immediate extinguishment is kept close at hand. Acceptable means of extinguishment include a garden hose, a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or dirt or sand with some application means.



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Bonfires and open-burning outdoor fires having a fuel area greater than 3 feet in diameter or 2 feet in height are not allowed under any circumstances; the fire department will extinguish the fire, and a citation may be issued.

RUBBISH.

Garbage, refuse, paper, electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber (tires), furniture, carpet, and other decomposable and non-decomposable waste, including vegetable matter and animal and fish carcasses. This would also include domestic waste such as kitchen garbage, cardboard boxes, packaging, and clothing. This would include leaves and other yard waste.