



# CITY OF AVON

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## Fire Department

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To whom it may concern,

The following are the Ohio Fire Codes (OFC) that are related to wood fire and controlled fire pits via LPG (Propane) or Natural Gas. The Avon Fire Department has adopted and enforces these codes which are the minimum restrictions allowed:

### **OFC 1301:7-7-03**

Recreational fire (def.) an outdoor fire that is fueled by wood as opposed to a controlled fuel (LPG, NG). The wood shall be dry and seasoned. The total fuel area shall be restricted to 3ft and no more than 2 ft. or less in height.

307.4.2(b) Recreational Fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a **structure or combustible material**. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. This includes both permanent and portable outdoor fireplaces (UL listed purchased container).

307.5 Attendance. Any and all open burning must be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. An extinguishment agent must be present at the burning location (fire extinguisher, garden hose, water can etc.)

All controlled fuel (LPG, NG) recreational fires shall be a minimum distance of 10 feet from a **structure only**. An emergency shut off away from the source or per manufacturers recommendations must be provided and approved by the Avon Building Department.

The Avon Fire Department strongly recommends that recreational fires are fueled by LPG or NG and not wood burning. Open burn complaints from neighbors with smoke going onto their property and into their homes are received often. Unfortunately these are considered "Nuisance Complaints" which are investigated by the fire department immediately. The results of these nuisance complaints are an immediate extinguishment and a warning is given to the home owner. A second nuisance complaint results in a citation which will be given by AFD and APD.

Any further concerns or questions in this matter please contact the Avon Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) at (440) 934-7347.