



LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE

Fire Prevention Division

Information Sheet



The items listed are basic information only. Please refer to adopted codes for specific details. Codes are subject to change. Additional requirements may apply.

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Open Flame and Open Burning

General:

A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any *open burning* unless conducted and approved in accordance with **Section 307 of the 2024 IFC**.

City of Las Vegas Municipal Code:

9.24.030 - Burning of garbage and rubbish:

It is unlawful for any person, for the purpose of burning garbage, rubbish, dead animals or dirt, to kindle or maintain any bonfire or knowingly to furnish the materials for any such fire, or to authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained in any garbage or rubbish receptacle, or on any street, alley, road, lane or public grounds or upon any private lot; provided, however, that rubbish may be burned in an incinerator duly approved by both the Chief of the Department of Fire and Rescue and the Department of Community Development

BONFIRES: Bonfires are Prohibited Valley-Wide. **SNFC 307.4.1**

Definitions Per 2024 IFC Section 202:

OPEN BURNING: The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots, and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, recreational fires, or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING: Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. **IFC 307.1.1**

PERMIT REQUIRED. A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with Section 105.5 prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, or prevention or control of disease or pests. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land on which the fire is to be kindled. **SNFC 307.2**

AUTHORIZATION: Open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are met. **IFC 307.2.1**

RECREATIONAL FIRES: An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in a diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES/CHIMENEA'S: portable outdoor fireplaces/Chimenea's shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible materials.

Exception: One- and two-family dwellings. **IFC 307.4.3**

RECREATIONAL FIRES: Shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. **IFC 307.4.2**

ATTENDANCE: Open burning, recreational fires and the use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum rating of 4-A or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization. **IFC 305.5**

SKY LANTERNS: A person shall not release or cause to be released an untethered sky lantern. **IFC 308.1.7**

TIKI TORCHES. Tiki torches using combustible liquid fuels shall comply with the following:

1. The torches shall be ignited and used outdoors only.
2. The torches shall not leak unburned fuel.
3. The torches shall be securely fastened to a base to prevent tipping and located a minimum of five feet from combustibles. **SNFC 308.1.11.5**