

Outdoor Fireplace Guidelines

The Arlington Heights Environmental Commission shares the following guidelines for outdoor fireplace use. They are presented in the interest of public safety, environmental protection, and as a courtesy to our neighbors.

Questions can be directed to the Village Health Department at 847-368-5760.

- No open burning is allowed. Only pre-fabricated units, intended for outdoor fires may be used.
- Outdoor fires should use gas or clean, seasoned firewood. Rubbish, refuse, and yard waste must not be burned.
- Fires should be of a reasonable size and must not be closer than 15 feet from any structure.
- Fires must be managed in such a way that smoke and particulates are minimized, so as not to be a danger or detriment to a neighbor's health, safety, comfort, or welfare.
- Fires should always be attended by a responsible adult.
- Water or a portable fire extinguisher should be in close proximity.
- Fires should be extinguished when complete and should not be allowed to smolder or generate smoke.
- Fires must be extinguished if requested by Village Officials.
- Do not use fireplaces when wind velocity is high, so particulates and smoke do not become objectionable to adjoining properties.
- Please refrain from having an outdoor fire on air pollution action days or on one in which the air quality index is above 100. Check the newspapers, newscasts, or www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqibasics.aqi for more information about the air quality index.