

Outdoor Burning

City of Kentwood Ordinance 22 Article 8 restricts open burning within the City of Kentwood. Use of an approved enclosed appliance for a recreational fire may be allowable if all the following restrictions are met:

Appliance means a listed or certified fireplace intended for outdoor use.

Open Burning means a fire from which the products of combustion are emitted directly into the open air without passing through a stack or chimney.

- The appliance shall be a purchased appliance, not homemade.
- The appliance shall be listed or certified by an acceptable listing agency for this purpose.
- There shall be a garden hose or fire extinguisher near the appliance and ready for use.
- The appliance shall not be located on any combustible surface.
- The appliance shall be fully enclosed with screens in place, lid on, etc.
- There shall always be an adult present while the appliance is in use.
- There shall be only fire wood burned in the appliance. No yard waste, trash, paper, leaves or any other combustibles are permitted.
- The appliance shall be a safe distance from any structure, vehicle, fence, etc.
- The fire shall be fully extinguished after use and no fire shall be left unattended.

If the above criteria are not met, a complaint is received about the use of the appliance or the appliance is not being used safely, the fire will need to be extinguished.

Kentwood Fire Department
616.554.0804