

THE CITY OF QUINCY QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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“City of Quincy Burn Policy”

- Fires shall be located **not less than 50 feet (15 meters)** from any structure or woodlands. If brands, or embers are given off or the fire becomes out of control, the 50 feet (15 meters) requirement provides some distance between the fire and structures. **Depending on conditions, the AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction) can increase this distance to provide adequate protection.**
- Fires should be less than 8 feet in diameter and contained in a pit or barrel with a wire mesh covering.
- Fires should be no less than 50 feet from paved public roads.
- Burn only yard waste. NO household garbage is allowed. (Includes paper products & newspapers)
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Do not burn on a windy day or during a dry spell.
- Do not burn any toxic wastes. (plastic products, tires, etc.)
- Keep a water hose or shovel handy in case your fire escapes.
- Make sure smoke does not obstruct visibility on nearby roads.
- Be sure the fire is completely out before leaving it unattended.
- In the event someone complains about your fire, the City of Quincy Fire Department has the authority to extinguish the fire.
- **Be aware, if your fire escapes, you may be liable for cost of suppression and damage to the property of others.**

This policy is consistent with NFPA Standards as well as the Florida Forestry Services.

“Thank you for your interest in fire safety and prevention”