

## **GUIDELINES FOR OPEN PIT BURNING IN THE VILLAGE OF STRATFORD**

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### **Bon Fire Pits:**

- Call Digger's Hotline (call 811 to reach the Digger's Hotline service desk)
- Locate your pit away from buildings (at least 25 ft.) and away from power lines, above and below ground, and also away from buried gas lines, telephone lines, cable TV lines.
- Do not burn on extremely windy days, or when the wind is blowing toward your neighbors' homes or buildings. Be aware and be respectful of neighbors' rights. Some people are allergic to smoke. Communicate with your neighbors. Have a water source handy in case a fire gets away. Too many complaints from neighbors will force the ban of your burning rights.
- Do not burn household garbage, newspaper or magazines (because of sparks), painted boards or treated lumber (some contain toxic lead, arsenic, benzene, formaldehyde, and acids), rubber tires, plastic oil bottles, asphalt shingles, carpeting, or plastic or vinyl boards. Do not put ashes in garbage containers or plastic bags. Don't use plastic chairs too near your pit as they may melt.
- You may burn small wood blocks, small branches, small building materials, or small amounts of paper to light the fire. Construct your pit from steel, bricks, cement blocks, stones or other unburnable material to contain the fire from nearby grass or brush.
- Check with your Home Owner's Insurance if you are covered when using your fire pit. You and/or your insurance provider are responsible for any fire damage that strays from your pit and property, and also the cost of all fire runs made by the fire department.

## **GUIDELINES FOR OTHER BURNING PERMITS**

(Same as above plus the following)

Call 687-2121 to tell the Marathon County Sheriff's Department the date, time and location of the controlled burn so that the central dispatch doesn't send fire trucks as a result of someone else calling in your fire.

Burn on calm or rainy days if possible. Have a water supply handy.