

Can I burn in the City of Charleston?

Yes, if you meet the following requirements.

Recreational Fires – Fires for pleasure, religious or ceremonial purposes, cooking, or warmth

- Must only burn charcoal or dry seasoned wood **(No trash)**
- Must be at least 25 feet from any combustible structures in all directions
- Must be attended at all times
- Must have a means of extinguishing accessible at all times
- Must be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet tall
- Must not cause objectionable or offensive smoke. The Charleston Fire Department will have the right to determine what amount of smoke or odor is objectionable or offensive
- Must not be in the street or roadway

Open Burning Fires – The only open burning fires permitted is for leaves during seasonal clean up.

- All above requirements must be met
- Open burning must be at least 50 feet from any combustible structure in all directions

Open-flame Cooking Devices – Charcoal or LP propane grills, cookers, smokers

- Shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of any combustible construction. Exceptions – 1. One and two family dwellings. 2. Buildings where balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

All burning complaints will be investigated. The Charleston Fire Department may require that any fire be extinguished. Any individual who is non-compliant with the request to extinguish will be considered in violation. A non-compliant individual may be issued a city ordinance violation ticket by the Charleston Police Department.

At any time the Charleston Fire Department has the right to extinguish any and all fires.