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Rules for Campfires

Comply with all state, county, or local fire restrictions and any regulations implemented by your local governing group (i.e. – homeowners association).

Campfires must not be wider than 3 feet across or have flames more than 3 feet high.

You are allowed to have an attended campfire throughout the night with no time restrictions.

You must call dispatch for each fire you have.

Clear all flammable material away from the fire for a minimum of five feet in all directions to prevent escape of the fire.

Beware of the Duff - Duff is the layer of decomposing wood material that lies on the forest floor between pine needles and bare dirt. Many times it may look like dirt, but it isn't. Duff burns, dirt doesn't. It allows even the smallest ember to smolder for days, most times underground and unnoticed, until enough heat is built up to produce flames. Don't let the duff fool you.

Have a responsible person in attendance at all times. Leave the permit with that person and make sure they are aware of the terms of the permit. Never leave your campfire unattended, even for a few minutes or if you take a nap.

Have ample water available at the campfire site for extinguishing campfires.

Extinguish the campfire with water every night when going to bed and when breaking camp or leaving for any period of time. Stir and mix water with the ashes until the fire is out. Don't try to bury the fire under dirt, it can smolder for hours and then escape. Remember, campfires are not out until they are cold and out.

Feel the Ashes - Feel the ashes to be sure the fire is out. Before you leave, check the area within 50 feet of the fire for sparks or embers that may have escaped.

It Can Cost You - You will be held liable for the cost of suppression and damages caused by any wildfire that starts through negligence on your part.

Thank you for your cooperation as we all work together to make our neighborhood safe – Your friends at North-West Fire