

2018 International Fire Code®

In an effort to prevent fire related damage to life and property. The City of Mesa has adopted and is enforcing the 2018 International Fire Code®.



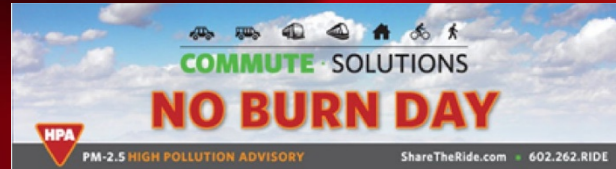
The following FIRE DEFINITIONS have been established by the City of Mesa Fire and Medical Prevention Division used for code enforcement.

Recreational Fire: This type of fire is for special gatherings (i.e., scouts, church groups, clubs, and parties). A typical recreation fire will be ten logs or less, six feet or less in diameter, and four feet high or less.

Bonfire: Extremely large pile of wood that will attract people to see what is burning. This can be a traffic problem (i.e., school homecoming, rallies, and special events).

Barbeque Pit: Outdoor pit designed only for cooking, constructed of concrete, concrete block, brick or steel.

Warming Fires: To provide warmth for human beings. This fire is no larger than what would be standard in a household fireplace. A warming fire typically is 5 logs or less, 3' or less in diameter, and 2' high or less. Farming operations may only use approved oil-burning devices designed for frost protection.



Commute Solutions/Trip Reduction Program:
602-262-7433 (RIDE) or www.ShareTheRide.com

Transit Information:
602-253-5000 or www.valleymetro.org

City of Mesa Air Quality Page:
www.mesaaz.gov/residents/environmental/air-quality

Get text messages or e-mail alerts or download the
CLEAN AIR MAKE MORE App:
www.CleanAirMakeMore.com

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Air Quality Update at:
602-771-2367 or adeq.gov/welcome-adeq

Maricopa Air Quality Department:
<http://www.maricopa.gov/air/>

Report serious offenders to the Maricopa County Air
Quality Department at:
602-506-6010

Environmental & Sustainability
(Construction Dust, Environmental Issues):
480-644-3599

Smoke Free Arizona:
1-800-429-6676

Open Burning & Recreational Fires



Please ensure all open burning and recreational fires within the City of Mesa are consistent with the information provided in this pamphlet. If you have any additional questions, please contact the **City of Mesa Fire and Medical Prevention Division** at:

480.644.2622
708 W. Baseline Road #1
Mesa, Arizona 85210

www.mesaaz.gov/residents/fire-medical/fire-prevention

What Is a NO BURN day?

The purpose of the NO BURN DAY restriction is to avoid adding pollution to our air when the forecast advises air quality will approach or exceed the federal health standard. When this happens, the Maricopa County Air Quality Department issues a NO BURN DAY that restricts all burning activity including fireplaces, fire pits or open outdoor fires within a 24-hour period, starting at midnight.

Is today a NO BURN day?

You may check if today is a no burn day at:

602-506-6400

www.CleanAirMakeMore.com

Is my fire prohibited?

During burn days OPEN BURNING of trash, weeds, leaves, trees, or any other rubbish or fire that releases smoke directly into the air without passing through a chimney or smokestack from an enclosed chamber that does not meet the definitions of legal fires as established by the Mesa Fire and Medical Prevention Division is still prohibited (see "FIRE DEFINITIONS" in this pamphlet).

Do I need a burn permit?

RECREATIONAL FIRES, such as cooking for immediate human use or warmth, a chiminea, container, branding of animals, or orchard heaters for frost protection, do not require a permit, but are still subject to NO BURN DAYS.

All other fires, such as OPEN BURNS and BONFIRES, require a permit issued by the Mesa Fire and Medical Prevention Division. Permits require at least a 48-hour notice. To obtain a burn permit, call (480) 644-2622, 7:00-5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. (See the International Fire Code IFC 307.2).

Where can I have a fire?

RECREATIONAL FIRES shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or any combustible material. Conditions that could cause a recreational fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition (see IFC 307.4.2).

BONFIRES & OPEN BURNS shall be at least 50 feet from any structure or combustible material, unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a bonfire or open burn to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition (see IFC 307.4.1).

Can I leave a fire?

Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and the use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one portable extinguisher complying with section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization. (IFC 307.5)

Can I be ordered to extinguish my fire?

Where open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation. (IFC 307.3)

Warming/Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

Exception: Warming/Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one- and two-family dwellings.
(IFC 307.4.3)

What are the penalties for an illegal burn?

Possible penalties for conducting any fire that does not fully comply within the 2018 IFC include a Class One Misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or by imprisonment for up to 6 months for EACH DAY of violation (see City of Mesa ORDINANCE 5491, Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 2).

