



# HEARTLAND FIRE & RESCUE

SERVING THE CITIES OF EL CAJON, LA MESA AND LEMON GROVE

## Recreational Fire Guidelines

Recreational fires are permitted within the following guidelines:

- Must be located 25 feet from a structure or combustible material (fences, low hanging trees, etc.)
- Must be on the resident's property, not allowed on or near the sidewalk, or in the public right of way
- Must be in an approved container (see below)
- A fire extinguisher (minimum of 4A rating), garden hose, or shovel shall be readily available for use
- The fire shall be attended by an adult at all times
- The attendant shall supervise the fire until it has been extinguished
- Generally, fire pits, and chimenias purchased from stores are acceptable
- No washing machine tubs, open topped BBQ style, or in-ground pits
- Must have a solid top and bottom with legs to keep it off the ground
- Must have a spark arrester constructed of iron, heavy wire mesh, or other non-combustible material with openings not larger than 1/2 inches that covers the top and any open sides
- Clean wood or Presto type logs are the best types of fuel
- Fuel must be completely contained within the fire pit, chimenia, etc.
- Fuel is not allowed to stick out of the top, rest on the edge (from side to side), etc.
- Trash, newspapers, tree and/or brush trimmings, painted, stained, and/or treated wood are **NOT ALLOWED** to be burned as fuel

**The Fire Department is authorized to immediately shut down recreational fires if the fires are determined to constitute a hazardous condition.**



**Examples of Approved Fire Pits**