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RULES For
RECREATIONAL FIRES, PORTABLE OUTDOOR
FIRE PLACES

CITY OF SAUGATUCK, CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS and SAUGATUCK
TOWNSHIP

RECREATIONAL FIRES and PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIRE PLACES

1. A permit is not required for a recreational fire (as defined by International Fire Code).
2. Recreational fires are allowed including fire pits, chiminea's or portable outdoor fireplaces for all three (Saugatuck, Douglas, Saugatuck Township) municipalities.
3. Recreational fires shall be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
4. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 ft. of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which cause a fire to spread within 25 ft. of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
5. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 ft. of a structure or combustible construction for rental homes. Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two family dwellings (**Not** rental homes).
6. Recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher 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.
7. If the Fire Department determines open burning creates a hazard, smoke odor or nuisance, the Fire Department shall have the authority to extinguish the fire.

Chief Greg Janik