The Legal use of open flame in residential setting is as follows:

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| COOKING/RECREATION | • Fueled by firewood, natural gas, propane or charcoal only  
• Contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit  
• Size of fire is kept below maximum limit of 3’ diameter by 2’ height  
• Accompanied by readily available fire extinguishing equipment, e.g. garden hose, buckets, shovel, portable extinguisher  
• Supervised AT ALL TIMES by responsible adult competent to use extinguishing equipment  
• Separated from combustibles (e.g. wooden or plastic overhead or wall structures, sheds, yard waste, firewood) by clearance of 10’ to 15’.  
• Weather conditions are appropriate (e.g. no high winds, “green light” signal from SCAPCA  
• Smoke does not create a nuisance for neighbors |
| SWEATLODGE       | • Requires permit from Fire Prevention Bureau |
**ILLEGAL** use of open flame in residential setting:

- OPEN BURNING as defined in the Fire Code, i.e. the burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire or other fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit.
- BONFIRE
- RUBBISH FIRE
- WARMING FIRE

**ACTION** for Fire Officers to take when responding to an OPEN BURNING incident:

1. Determine whether or not the fire qualifies as a legal cooking/recreation fire.
2. If the fire is open burning, require the fire be extinguished because it constitutes a hazardous condition.
3. Contact Spokane Police Department for back-up support if the residents are argumentative.
5. Forward the Incident Log #, address and all pertinent information to your District Inspector so there can be future follow-up or code enforcement through the Fire Prevention Bureau and SCAPCA.

**CALL** 625-7000 for additional information on outdoor burning and outdoor cooking.