

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

PURPOSE	CONDITIONS
COOKING/RECREATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Fueled by</u> firewood, natural gas, propane or charcoal only</li> <li>• <b><i><u>Contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit</u></i></b></li> <li>• <u>Size of fire</u> is kept below maximum limit of 3' diameter by 2' height</li> <li>• Accompanied by readily available <u>fire extinguishing equipment</u>, e.g. garden hose, buckets, shovel, portable extinguisher</li> <li>• <u>Supervised</u> AT ALL TIMES by responsible adult competent to use extinguishing equipment</li> <li>• <u>Separated from combustibles</u> (e.g. wooden or plastic overhead or wall structures, sheds, yard waste, firewood) by clearance of 10' to 15'.</li> <li>• <u>Weather</u> conditions are appropriate (e.g. no high winds, "green light" signal from SCAPCA)</li> <li>• <u>Smoke</u> does not create a nuisance for neighbors</li> </ul>
SWEATLODGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires permit from Fire Prevention Bureau</li> </ul>

**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.
- (4) Contact the District Inspector from the Fire Prevention Bureau.
- (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.