



Englewood's Fire Marshal, Mike Smith, receives frequent calls about open-flame fire pits, chimineas and other types of outdoor fireplaces. Outdoor fireplaces are allowed in Englewood. However, they must comply with regulations and should always be used with safety in mind.

Here are the do's and don'ts of outdoor fireplaces:

- **Size limits:** Fire pits are limited in size to a minimum of 3 inches in depth; a maximum of 3 feet in diameter; and the flame must not burn higher than 3 feet above the container or pit.
- **Fire pit construction:** The fire pit or other burning device shall be commercially manufactured or constructed of non-combustible materials.
- **Permits:** A permit is not required for the use of fire pits.
- **Location:** Fire pits must be located at least 25 feet from any combustible structure (including fences). They are not allowed on combustible decks.
- **High Pollution Days:** The use of fire pits is not allowed on High Pollution Days.
- **Burning Materials:** Only charcoal or unpainted and untreated wood can be burned in the fire pits. You may not burn rubbish, garbage, plastic, rubber, grass or tree trimmings, brush, or construction debris.
- **Impact on Neighbors:** Title 6, Section 6-1-6 of the Englewood Municipal Code states that these types of devices may only be used if they do not "cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to the general public" or "endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of any person or of the public generally." Neighbors who notice emissions that may fit this category should call the Englewood Police non-emergency number at 303-762-2438.
- **Charcoal or gas burning barbecues and other open flame devices:** These devices are not restricted at single family homes or duplexes. However, they are not allowed on balconies unless the building is protected by a sprinkler system, and they are not allowed within 10 feet of any combustible materials, such as building siding.
- **Fire Restrictions**
During a fire ban either stage one or a stage two in the city of Englewood stricter restrictions will be implemented to include no open burning. To see current fire ban and restrictions please visit the city of Englewood home page under Fire Marshal's office.

If you have further questions, please contact Fire Marshal Mike Smith at 303-762-2475.

Mike Smith
Fire Marshal
303-762-2475
mjsmith@englewoodco.gov