

CRYSTAL LAKES OPEN FIRE POLICY

Many Crystal Lakes property owners use open fires for recreation and cooking.

The Fire Policy Ad Hoc Committee, made up of members from the Crystal Lakes Road and Recreation Board and its property owners, has developed guidelines for the construction of safe and enjoyable fire pits. By June 1, 2008, all fire pits in Crystal Lakes must meet the Fire Pit Specifications as developed by the Fire Policy Ad Hoc Committee and approved by the CLRRA Board, including size, shape, materials and lid.

****Burning Guidelines as they appear in the Fire Pit Specifications include:**

- **Fire Permits are required for all fires.**
- **Burning of inappropriate construction materials or slash piles is not permitted.**
- **All burning materials must be contained within the fire pit.**
- **Flame height must not exceed 20" above the top of the pit (20" is approximately knee height).**
- **A minimum of 5 gallons of water or charged hose must be located at fire pit when there is a campfire.**

A responsible adult must be present at all times and the fire must be completely extinguished as soon as use is completed. **Any fire left unattended will result in a fine.**

There may be conditions under which NO OPEN FIRES of any type will be permitted. Efforts will be made to post signs and notify property owners when these conditions exist.

FIRE SUPPRESSION, CONTROL AND FINES POLICY

Campfires without permits, campfires which do not meet the safety requirements published in the Crystal Lakes Fire Pit Inspection Request or in the Fire Pit Specifications, or any burning slash outside the pit on any Crystal Lakes property will be extinguished by the appropriate agency. The Crystal Lakes Road & Recreation Association further authorizes the manager or staff designee to issue a fine to the perpetrator and/or owner of a lot where a fire violation has occurred.

FINES:

1st Offense \$ 250.00; 2nd Offense \$ 500.00; 3rd Offense \$1000.00

Only burning of DRY MATERIAL for cooking or recreational purposes in an approved fire pit with water and fire suppression tools available is permitted. After June 1, 2008, campfires must be in approved fire pits which meet the Fire Pit Specifications. A Permit for Campfire must be requested in person or by phone for the desired date(s), up to a maximum of five consecutive days. Permits may be limited to one day at a time during increasing fire danger. Fines will be doubled during fire bans.

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