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Subject: 2013 Recreational Fires

Should you wish to have a recreational fire within the City of Muskegon limits, please follow these guidelines:

1. **ONLY natural cut wood and small brush are permitted for recreational fires.**
2. **NO burning of leaves, garbage, lumber, pallets or sawdust.**
3. **Fire must be attended at all times.**
4. **A minimum of 25 feet distance must be maintained from structures or combustible material.**
5. **A means of extinguishment must be readily available, such as dirt, sand, water barrel or garden hose. Extinguishment source should be comparable to the size of the fire.**
6. **Extreme caution should be used when weather conditions result in lack of rain for more than a week and/or high temperatures resulting in dry conditions.**

The Muskegon Fire Department may order the extinguishment of a recreational fire for the following reasons:

1. **High winds.**
2. **Burning material other than cut wood.**
3. **Citizen complaints (usually for health reasons).**
4. **Unattended.**
5. **Any potential safety concerns as observed by the Muskegon Fire Department.**

Should you not cooperate with an order by the Muskegon Fire Department to extinguish the fire, the Muskegon Fire Department has the authority to extinguish your fire and may issue a citation.

It is our goal to ensure the safety of our citizens from the potential dangers of fire. We appreciate your cooperation in developing good fire safety habits.

Thank you.

Muskegon Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau