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Dear Village Residents;

We have recently learned that there is some confusion regarding how the burning ban, placed into effect on April 14th by the First Fire Protection District, impacts outdoor burning with the Village of Antioch. With nicer weather predicted in the coming days, we wanted to take this opportunity to provide some clarification.

In the Village, outdoor burning is regulated under Village Ordinances 5-2-2, 5-2-3, and 5-4-6-B. The First Fire Protection District has communicated that so long as village residents **strictly** adhere to the following requirements, as set by ordinance, that outdoor burning is allowable. It is important to note, that any deviation from these regulations will result in the property owner being directed to extinguish their fire.

Burning in Outdoor Fireplaces

Burning in an outdoor fireplace, subject to the regulations provided for below:

Outdoor fireplaces of permanent construction cannot be attached to any structure, accessory building, building, or other medium that is combustible. All units, permanent or portable, must be freestanding with a minimum three feet (3') clearance on all sides. Portable units must be placed on a noncombustible surface such as concrete, patio blocks, or stone in such a way that the firebox is eighteen inches (18") above this surface.

Outdoor fireplaces are strictly limited to burning the following materials:

Cut wood (dry, unpainted, unfinished).

Manufactured logs.

Manufactured non-wood logs specifically made for use in fireplaces.

No other material may be burned in outdoor fireplaces. Pressure treated wood, wet wood, rubbish; leaves, garbage, landscape waste, agricultural waste, and other waste are expressly prohibited.

The fire in an outdoor fireplace must be maintained in such a manner as to minimize the generation of smoke. Smoke that is a result of a smoldering or dying fire shall be eliminated. Generation of such smoke is considered a public nuisance punishable by fine.

All fires in an outdoor fireplace are prohibited between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight to six o'clock (6:00) A.M. daily. Fires must be extinguished in such a manner that all air to the fire is cut off or the burning material is wet down with water until it is cool to the touch.

All outdoor fireplaces must have a screen covering the flame or glass doors that prevents the distribution of hot embers or sparks outside of the firebox.

Burning in an Outdoor Fire Pit:

Prohibited Acts:

Open Burning of Landscape Waste: It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or allow any open burning of landscape waste at any site in the village. Notwithstanding the broad scope of this prohibition, it shall be lawful to have campfires burning small amounts of clean wood in fire pits located safely away from any buildings or other combustible structures.

Please note that the above regulations only apply to properties located within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Antioch, not to any properties located within the unincorporated areas of Antioch Township.

Village residents seeking additional information can call the Antioch Police Department at 847-395-8585, to speak with an officer.

Sincerely,
Geoff Guttschow
Deputy Chief of Police