

Utah DNR Forestry

Guidelines for Campfires at “permanently improved places of habitation.”

Definition: permanently improved places of habitation are homes or cabins that are fixed in place and the area surrounding the structure is improved and the vegetation modified to mitigate fire danger.

Guidelines:

- Campfire must be contained within a pit 18 inches deep into mineral soil absent of roots or any other organic materials or solid ring made of non-combustible material that is at least 18 inches in height that will contain the fuel wood and coals while shielding the ashes from being blown by the wind.
- Campfire must be at least 30 feet away from any combustible vegetation or structures, vertically and horizontally. Fire resistant vegetation as part of the landscaping is excluded.
- One person 18 years of age or older must attend the fire at all times.
- Ten gallons of water or more must be dedicated and immediately available on-site for fire suppression.
- At least one standard sized shovel must be dedicated and immediately available on-site for fire suppression.
- Campfire must be completely extinguished, cold to the touch, when not attended.
- Persons responsible for escaped or unattended campfires are subject to prosecution and suppression costs.