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As Burn Ban lifts, HFD reminds community to follow City's burning regulations

HARRISONBURG, Va. – With the drought-related Burn Ban for the Harrisonburg area recently coming to an end, the Harrisonburg Fire Department's Fire Marshal Office is reminding community members about important safety regulations.

HFD only allows recreational fires to take place within City limits. Fires must be contained within a fire ring no greater than 3 feet in diameter, and the ring must be made of non-combustible material such as rocks, metal, concrete, or a similar material. Fires cannot have wood or combustible materials piled higher than 2 feet high, and only ordinary wooden combustibles may be burned – burning pressure-treated lumber, trash, furniture or other similar items is prohibited.

Additionally, fire rings must be at least 25 feet away from any structure or other combustible materials, such as a fence, and the fire must be attended at all times while burning. A complete list of burning regulations is available at <https://harrisonburgva.gov/recreational-fire-guidelines>.

"While many people enjoy sitting by a recreational fire in their backyard, they need to be aware of how quickly such a fire could get out of hand if proper precautions are not taken," HFD Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Armstrong said. "Please help us keep our community safe by first keeping yourself, your family and your property safe by following these commonsense safety steps."

Other important regulations to keep in mind:

- Burning large yard waste items is not allowed – they can be collected through the City's curbside pick-up program.
- Ashes should be disposed of in a metal container with a lid.
- Always keep means to extinguish a fire nearby.

Community members found in violation of City burning regulations could receive a fine or court summons.

The **Harrisonburg Fire Department** is an ISO-Class II All-Hazards agency providing essential emergency and non-emergency life safety services to the public who live, work and travel in Harrisonburg. More information about the Fire Department is available on-line at www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire or on Facebook®, Twitter® and Instagram®.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,700 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

