

Fire Safety in WL

Madison County Emergency Management and Fire Marshal

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WLRMS covenants regarding outdoor fires:

6. 10. A. Fires. Fires are a great hazard to all Owners in Wolf Laurel, which if not properly controlled can have catastrophic results. Outdoor fires shall be controlled and are the responsibility of the Owner of the Lot where the fire is located. Permission must be obtained from the appropriate governmental authority, fire authorities and the Association or its designee prior to igniting any outdoor fire, other than a fire contained within an approved fireplace, fire pit, or similar structure. No outdoor fire may be left unattended. Obtaining burning permits is the responsibility of the Owner.

6. 10. B Fireworks. Due to the danger of a forest fire, the possession, ignition, or displays of fireworks are not permitted in Wolf Laurel Resort unless under the supervision of a licensed operator and approved by the applicable fire control authorities and upon the written application to and approval by the board.

Firepit Guidelines:

1. Call the WL security gate (828-689-2111) to inquire about fire restrictions
2. Never build a fire in dry or windy conditions
3. Do not use flammable fluids (gasoline, lighter fluid, etc.) to light or relight a fire
4. Keep the area free of flammable objects and debris
5. **Never leave a fire unattended - a Wolf Laurel Road Maintenance & Security requirement**
6. **Maintain a fire suppression method, e.g., fire extinguisher or hose attached to water source**

7. **Make sure embers are wet and cold before abandoning**

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Now Available: A Fire Resistant Home Poster

The new A Fire-Resistant Home poster features 10 simple fire-resistant landscaping tasks that any homeowner or tenant can complete.
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A Fire-Resistant Home

A home's design, building materials and landscape (out to 100 feet) determine its vulnerability to airborne embers, surface fires and crown fires. A fire-resistant home has at least 30 feet of surrounding space that is clear of dead vegetation and flammable debris. It has at least 1 foot of noncombustible mulch material such as river rock or pea gravel. Trees and shrubs are maintained. The landscape consists of healthy, irrigated, fire-resistant vegetation. Within 5-30 feet, trees should have a minimum of 18 feet between trunks.

- 1. Remove dead and dried-up plants
- 2. Remove hanging branches over the house and deck
- 3. Remove dead leaves, twigs, and pine needles
- 4. Use fire-resistant mulch and cover with 1 inch of rock
- 5. Use gravel with the same depth and texture that works
- 6. Trim up all dead vegetation and flammable debris
- 7. Use 1/2 inch of fire-resistant mulch
- 8. Use fire-resistant plants and shrubs
- 9. Maintain all trees and shrubs
- 10. Space all trees and shrubs at least 18 feet apart

100 feet

5-30 feet

18 feet

1 foot

<https://www.resistwildfirenc.org/>

Fire Pit Safety



Keep fire pits at least 10 feet away from any structure or combustible surface.



Clear the area of leaves, grass and other debris that may catch on fire.



Use crumpled paper or a store-bought fire starter covered with small sticks for burning. (Never start a fire with gasoline or lighter fluid.)



Avoid using pine or cedar as they can pop and throw sparks.



Keep water nearby or be sure to have quick, easy access to a hose incase the fire gets out of hand.



Do not light fires on windy days or nights and do obey any local burn bans.



Keep children away from fire pits and never leave them unattended even after the flames are out as there is still a chance of a child getting burned.



Never allow hotdog or marshmallow roasting without adult supervision and be sure there is plenty of space between roasters.