

**MILTON ACADEMY CAMPUS SAFETY**  
**FIRE PIT USE POLICY**  
*May 01, 2021*

I. Introduction

Milton Academy is committed to providing a safe environment for its, students, faculty, staff and visitors. Part of this safety responsibility is the provision and management of fire safety systems and procedures. All members of Milton Academy, contractors and visitors have a mandatory responsibility in ensuring compliance with laws, rules and regulations pertaining to fire safety as well as the Regulations of the Town of Milton Fire Department. A copy of which is included herein

2. Fire Pits:

Outdoor fire pits, cooking and recreational fires require no special permits in Massachusetts there are however several requirements based on the Town of Milton Fire Regulations and the Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) and Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code (NFPA 1) in effect January 1, 2015.

Prior to using a fire pit request shall be made to the Director of Student Activities who shall then notify the Director of Campus Safety by no later than noon time, one day prior to the event date. Once approved fire pit use will still be subject to cancellation based on weather conditions and the Daily Fire Class report.

Fire pit usages on weekends are to be listed on the weekend duty schedule.

3. Use of Fire Pits:

- a. The fire pit shall be small and manageable no greater than 3' (36") in diameter and not more than 2' above ground. (By NFPA definition a fire larger than 3' is considered no longer a cooking or recreational fire).
- b. All fire pits shall be, constantly attended by a faculty member until extinguished (MFC/NFPA 1 – 10.11.5.1).
- c. Each fire pit shall have a minimum of 1 fire extinguisher readily available, obtained from Milton Academy Central Service before they close on Friday. (MFC/NFPA 1-10.11.5.2). Extinguisher must be returned to Milton Academy Central Service on the next business day.
- d. All fire pits shall not be **within 25'** of a structure or combustible material including mulch.
- e. All fire pits shall be placed on a flat noncombustible surface (asphalt, concrete or brick) and shall be clear of all dry vegetation and combustibles. Fire pits must be placed away from other materials that could burn or catch fire, both overhead and to the sides such as building components, trees, limbs, sheds etc. No fire pit shall be placed within 25' of any access or exit to academy buildings.
- f. Always use dry seasoned wood, charcoal or wood burning briquettes, do not use wet or damp wood, painted or stained wood.
- g. Do not use accelerants to start fires (gasoline, lighter fluid)



## Fire Department

Open Burning vs Recreational Fires

### Open burning with a permit.

Rules will be on the new burn permits.

Requirements

- January 15 – April 30
- Hours 10am -4pm
- Burning of brush only (less than 3' in diameter)
- Maintained by a competent adult.
- Minimum 75 feet clearance from structure
- Working garden hose on hand
- Must not create a nuisance.
- IAW Mass. Fire Code CMR 527 1.0

Check with Mass. DEP to ensure burning is allowed each day.

the **Mass DEP Mass Air Web Site forecast**

(<http://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/dep/massair/web/#/pollution/map/forecast> ) the **Mass DEP Open Burning Telephone Hotline (617-556-1021)**, which is updated by 8:00 a.m. every day including weekends and holidays; and

our **email subscription** (visit <http://eepurl.com/i5AS9> to subscribe to our daily email updates).

### Recreational fires

- Use of fire pits shall be allowed provided the following rules set forth in 527 CMR 1.00 Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code are complied with.
- CMR 527 defines a recreational fire as a fire not more than 3' in diameter, and not more than 2' above the ground.
- Recreational fires shall not be located within 25' of a structure or combustible material unless contained in an approved manner.
- Conditions that could cause a fire to spread to within 25' of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Open recreational and cooking fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished.
- This person shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use.
- Recreational fires shall not create a nuisance.