



## Syracuse University Environmental Health and Safety Services

# Open Burning Prohibition Guidance Document

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This guidance document provides information on New York State's open fires and burning prohibition to advise University personnel and ensure adherence to the prohibition. NYS' open fires regulation (6 NYCRR Part 215) prohibits all open fires or open burning in NYS unless the fire or burning meets one of NYS' allowable exemptions.

No persons at Syracuse University shall cause, allow or permit the burning of any materials in an open fire unless the activity is specifically exempted from NYS' prohibition. Syracuse University Environmental Health and Safety Services must be notified at least two weeks prior to any planned open fire to ensure that the planned activity is allowable by NYS and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is notified, as necessary.

NYS' open fires exemptions allow for the following open fire/burning activities:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed
- Small cooking fires
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires
- Fire training performed under the applicable rules and guidelines of the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

Provided that these exempted fires:

- only burn charcoal or clean, untreated or unpainted wood;
- are not left unattended; and
- are fully extinguished before being left.

A full list of exemptions can be found in the open fires regulation accessible through NYSDEC's website ([www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)).