

# Iron County Approved Outdoor Fire Pit Standard

\* As required by the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code, which has been adopted by Iron County Ordinance \*

\* No person shall build, ignite or maintain any outdoor fire of any kind for any purpose in or on any urban-wildland interface area, developed or undeveloped private land, except by the authority of a written permit from the code official. Iron County Ordinance 8.24.010

\* Burning Prohibited. burning is prohibited during the statutorily closed fire season from June 1 through October 31 and the regulatory closed fire season from November 16 through the last day of February. Where state statute permits, from June 1 to October 31, and the person obtains a state issued closed season burning permit prior to burning, persons may burn pursuant to the terms of the state issued permit. Iron County Ordinance 8.04.100

\* Open Fire Season. Persons shall obtain a written county burning permit which shall be filled out completely before starting a fire in the unincorporated areas of Iron County during the open fire season, which is March 1 through May 31 and November 1 through November 15. Iron County Ordinance 8.04.101

\* Exception: For the purpose of cooking, warming or recreation, outdoor fires within permanent inhabited premises or designated campsites where such fires are in a permanent barbecue, portable barbecue, temporary campsite, outdoor fireplace, incinerator or grill and are a minimum of 30 feet from any combustible material or non-fire-resistive vegetation, both vertical and horizontal. Fire should not be used during a RED FLAG WARNING issued by the National Weather Service.

\* A minimum of 5 gallons of water or 5lb fire extinguisher is required readily available for suppression.

\* A full size shovel, and a competent adult shall supervise the fire, until extinguished completely, cool to the touch.

## **Construction Standards**

\* Clear the area of all combustible materials 30 feet in all directions.

\* Remove all subsurface combustible material at least 10 inches deeper than the floor of the fire pit, and 10 inches from the wall of the fire pit.

\* The apron around the fire pit shall be 36 inches minimum, and non combustible. Materials such as brick, rock, or gravel is suggested. Concrete can be used, however caution should be used when using concrete, it may explode and cause flying debris, the same can also happen with certain types of rocks, this may also cause the same injuries from flying debris

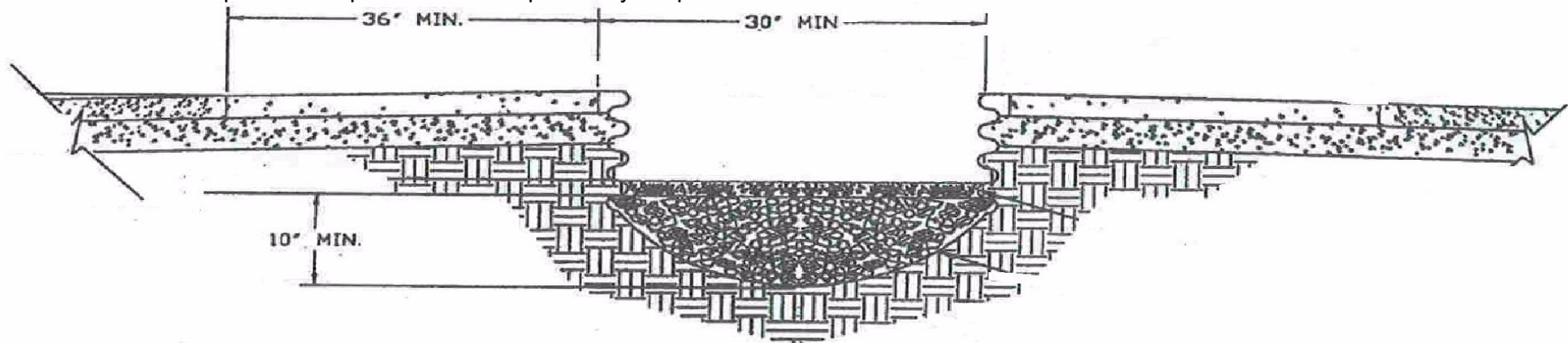
\* The interior wall of the fire pit must be 18 inches minimum and constructed of non combustible material. Metal, rock or brick, can be used ( again concrete should be avoided if possible) sand expansion joints should be used to facilitate heat transfer.

\* The inner circumference of the fire pit must be 30 inches minimum and not more than 60 inches maximum.

\* The depth of the fire pit shall be at least 18 inches deep.

\* Gravel or aggregate may be placed in the bottom 2 - 6 inches deep to aid in airflow and prevent subsurface fire spread.

\* A screen to cover the top of the fire pit to reduce the possibility of sparks and embers is recommended.



**\*\* Note this applies to private unincorporated lands only, unless adopted by the municipal jurisdictions, and does not apply to federal lands**

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