

FIREPIT/CHIMINEA GUIDELINES

(Created with guidance from MAFB Fire Department)

NO FIRES WHEN WINDS ARE IN EXCESS OF 20 MPH

- ✓ **Ensure Fire pit/chiminea is installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and is on a secure and solid non-combustible base foundation i.e. bricks, cement or driveway etc. (not on roads or walking paths).**
- ✓ **Ensure it is located a minimum of 15 feet from combustible material (house and fence area) and that flammable liquids are properly stored a minimum of 15 feet away from fire pit/chiminea.**
- ✓ **Ensure the fire pit / chiminea / propane heater is not used indoors (garages) or under any patio overhangs near trees or in the street.**
- ✓ **Always have a water hose or extinguisher readily available.**
- ✓ **Do NOT burn treated construction lumber.**
- ✓ **Ensure enclosed fire pit / chiminea has a vent (if designed), a safety screen/spark arrestor in place at all times to prevent hot embers from escaping.**
- ✓ **When in use fire pit/chiminea / propane heater will be physically watched at all times - NEVER leave the fire unattended.**
- ✓ **Keep children and pets 10 feet away from fire pit/chiminea while in use to prevent burns and other possible injuries.**
- ✓ **When finished using fire pit/chiminea soak thoroughly with water, let cool overnight and stir-up coals to ensure no hot spots prior to disposing the material in a trash can or dumpster.**
- ✓ **Firewood must be stored away from the home within the confines of the fenced portion of backyard—in order to prevent pests, firewood should NOT be stored in driveways, flowerbeds, or alongside the home.**
- ✓ **When not in use store in fenced portion of back yard or garage (not in driveway or side of the house).**

**** Please do not use any propane heaters in garages as this will create an issue with Carbon Monoxide and will set off the homes detectors****

