

MIST-BIRKENFELD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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Rules for Campfires at Fishhawk Lake Estates

1. All campfires require annual inspection and permits issued by the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire District. Uninspected campfire sites, or those with inspections that are not current, may not be used during fire season.
2. Build campfire site away from overhanging branches, steep slopes and rotten stumps or other combustible material.
3. Clear area in a 5 foot radius around fire pit of all combustible material (bare dirt, sand or well maintained and watered lawn).
4. Keep adequate water immediately available for control or extinguishment of the fire.
5. Keep fire small. Flame lengths should *never* exceed 18" for any recreational fire.
6. Place wood carefully on the fire to avoid producing sparks that may carry fire outside the protected area.
7. **NEVER** leave a fire unattended.
8. Make sure your matches are OUT! A safe option is to place used matches in the fire to be consumed.
9. When leaving, put the fire *DEAD* out. Drown it with water, stir it, check the rocks or bricks for embers between or under them, then drown it again. Make sure all materials are cool enough to touch with your bare hands.
Note: Most wild-fires started by campfires are ignited by embers left for "out". Make double sure!
10. If the wind comes up, put the fire out! Even moderate winds can carry burning embers long distances outside the protected area.
11. When a burn ban is in effect in either Clatsop or Columbia County, call your Fishhawk Lake Office **EVERY** time you use the fire pit. The office will have the latest information on local conditions and burning information. During extreme fire danger conditions the office answering machine will notify you that campfires are prohibited until conditions change. This will avoid the embarrassment of having the fire department responding with lights and sirens to your campfire.
12. **No camp fires are allowed under any conditions when forest fire danger is Extreme{red} or during Red Flag Warning periods.**