

GUIDELINES FOR HAVING BONFIRES IN INCINERATORS ON SITE

Fires **must be contained** in a metal incinerator with a lid and chimney, no other type of container may be used.

Fires may be lit all year round, after 6 pm from April to September and during the hours of daylight from October to March. No fires may be lit on Sundays.

Please be mindful of neighbouring tenants when you light your fire, and be sure not to leave it unattended. Fires must be extinguished before you leave the site. It is sensible to have a bucket of water readily to hand when your fire is alight. We realise this would not be possible during the winter months when the water is turned off.

Remember that it is an offence to allow your bonfire smoke to drift across the main road and become a danger to traffic.

Incinerators must be placed away from livestock on site (i.e. chickens), and wooden or plastic composting bins, water butts and storage boxes of any type. Incinerators should not be placed on paths or common areas, and should be placed well within the boundary of your plot.

No household refuse may be brought on site to burn, this does include large amounts of paper and cardboard. The burning of plastic, rubber, painted materials, or aerosol cans is strictly forbidden as these items can produce poisonous compounds and an unpleasant smell. It would be considered an offence by the Environment Agency to burn any of these materials.

Burn only dry organic or diseased plant material from your plot, and compost everything that you can, it is far better for the environment.

Never use accelerants such as old engine oil, meths or petrol to light your fire or encourage it, this can be extremely dangerous. Use only domestic fire lighters, and if necessary a small amount of newspaper or kindling to light your fire.

Be mindful that bonfires can scorch nearby fruit trees, and always ensure that children are closely supervised when any tenant has a bonfire on their plot.

These guidelines will operate for a trial period of 12 months to see how they work and will be subject to review after this period.

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