

Article 11: Fire Protection and Prevention

Division 3: General Precautions Against Fire

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by O-21409 N.S.; effective 2-26-2022.)*

§511.0304 Combustible Waste Material

- (a) Local Amendment. Section 304.1.2, Vegetation, is amended to read as follows:

Weeds, grass, vines or other growth that is capable of being ignited and endangering property, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the premises. Vegetation clearance requirements in the wildland-urban interface areas shall be in accordance with California Fire Code Chapter 49 and the *City of San Diego Land Development Code*.

- (b) Local Addition. Section 304.1.2.1, Clearance of brush and vegetative growth from roadways, is added as follows:

The *Fire Code Official* is authorized to require areas within 10 feet (3048 mm) on each side of portions of fire apparatus access roads and driveways to be cleared of non-fire-resistive vegetation growth.

Exception:

- (1) Single specimens of trees, ornamental vegetative fuels or cultivated ground cover, such as green grass, ivy, succulents or similar plants used for ground cover, provided they do not form a means of readily transmitting fire.

- (c) Local Addition. Section 304.1.2.2, Waste material, is added as follows:

Waste material shall not be placed, deposited or dumped in wildland-urban interface areas, or in, on or along trails, roadways or highways or against structures in wildland-urban interface areas.

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§511.0307 Open Burning, Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

- (a) Local Amendment. Section 307.4.1, Bonfires, is amended to read as follows:

A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Exceptions:

- (1) Fires in *beach areas* shall be in accordance with San Diego Municipal Code sections 63.20.5(c), (d), (e), (f),(h), and (i). *Beach area* has the same meaning as in San Diego Municipal Code section 63.20(b).
- (2) Fires are not permitted in public parks except as provided in San Diego Municipal Code section 63.0102(b)(11).

- (b) Local Amendment. Section 307.4.3, Portable outdoor fireplaces, is amended to read as follows:

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, provided with a spark arrestor, and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

Exceptions:

- (1) Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two-family dwellings located outside of a wildland-urban interface area, when used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
- (2) Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two-family dwellings located within a wildland-urban interface fire area, when such portable outdoor fireplaces are located at least 15 feet (3048 mm) from a structure, combustible material or vegetation. Such outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

- (c) Local Addition. Section 307.4.4, “Red-flag” and other high fire risk conditions, is added as follows:

Open burning including recreational fires and fires within portable outdoor fireplaces, shall not be permitted when a red-flag warning or a fire weather watch condition has been issued by the National Weather Service.

Exception:

- (1) Fires in beach areas complying with San Diego Municipal Code section 63.20.5.

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§511.0308 Open Flames.

- (a) Not Adopted. Section 308.1.4 is not adopted.

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