

Be Fire *Smart!*

Bayside is filled with old, beautiful, wooden houses. We have had devastating fires in the past, and we are always alert to the potential for stray sparks and fires. Wood smoke from a fire without a permit can trigger a “false alarm,” requiring the Fire Department to needlessly mobilize and respond. Every cottage should have a copy of the Northport Village Corporation Fire Ordinance. A copy may also be obtained at the Village Office or at www.nvcmaine.org. Some of these rules are state law; some are just common sense; all of them make for a safer Bayside!

There are basically four types of controlled fires:

| Fire Type | Do I need a state permit? | Do I need permission from the NVC Board of Overseers? |
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| 1. Large fire (bonfire) | Yes ⁽¹⁾ | Yes ⁽²⁾ |
| 2. Small recreational campfire | Yes ⁽¹⁾ | No, if no more than two feet in diameter and with flames that do not extend more than two feet above the ground. Otherwise, see above for large fire. ^{(2) (3)} |
| 3. Fire pit or fireplace | No | No, but must be at least 75 feet from any structure on any adjacent property. |
| 4. Grill | No | No, but must be monitored. |

(1) State fire permits are available at the Northport Town Hall or the Maine Forest Service.

(2) Large fires and small recreational campfires must be on the Intertidal Zone (that is, between the high and low water marks), at least 25 feet from any upland vegetation or other combustible material, structure, vehicle, or watercraft.

(3) Permit holder is responsible for maintaining the dimensional limitations of the fire at all times