



Fire Pits and Cooking Grills

City of Manitowoc Ordinance 6.12 (3)(a)

Lighting Fires - Exceptions

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Single Family Dwellings

1. Fire pits (both portable and permanent) must be located at least 30' from any living quarters.
 - a. Note: A wooden deck attached to a living unit is considered part of the unit thus requiring 30' separation between the deck and fire pit.
2. Fire pits (both portable and permanent) must be located at least 20' from any combustible building.
3. Fires within the pit or appliance may not exceed 3' in diameter and may not extend more than 2' above the pit or appliance.
4. Fires must be constantly attended until fully extinguished.
5. A garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment must be readily available during the duration of the fire.

Multiple-family dwellings (three or more), premises used for commercial or industrial purposes, or premises used for commercial or industrial purposes with apartments in the structure

1. Electric grills are permitted for use on balconies above the first floor. All other grills are prohibited.
2. You may use a charcoal grill on the ground with the following conditions:
 - a. You must be at least 10' from any combustible patio.
 - b. You must be 15' away from any combustible wall partition, exterior window, or exit.
 - c. Cooking shall NOT be done under any covered deck, patio, or porch.

Neighbor Complaints: Smoke may not create a nuisance for neighboring property owners. If a complaint is received law enforcement officers and fire department officials have the authority to investigate such complaint and have the authority to order to extinguish.