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## **POLICY - RULES & GUIDANCE - FIRES**

### **RULES**

**a. Our insurance company requires:**

- i. The bonfire is attended by a responsible adult at all times*
- ii. No accelerant is used*
- iii. Within YOUR\* allotment where there is a shovel nearby and water available to extinguish it*
- iv. In a cleared area with minimal grass and scrub and safe distance from buildings, equipment fences and vehicles.*
- v. 10 metres from any property outside the allotment site*
- vi. The bonfire is fully extinguished with water when you have finished with it. You must not use sand or dirt for this purpose instead*

**b. The council**:- has received complaints about allotment bonfires from nearby residents. The council has urged us not to have fires but to compost vegetation and take other material to the Waste Re-cycling Centre. If fires cause a persistent nuisance the council has the power to issue an Abatement Notice. The council will issue permits the Waste Recycling Centre if required.

**c. The Tenant's Obligations requires [18];**- "if a neighbouring plot holder is present upon your arrival please refrain from lighting fires as this can cause nuisance with smoke".

**d. The Committee** has agreed that fires must not be lit on the top row of allotment.

**e. No material to be brought on site with intention to burn.**

### **GUIDANCE**

- a. There is no need for a fire on an allotment site.*
- b. Other than on the top row where no fires are allowed - if you really feel you must light a fire please:-*
  - i. ensure the smoke is blowing away from neighbouring houses.*
  - ii. Only burn matter arising from the plot, keep smoke to a minimum, vegetation should be dried before being burnt.*
  - iii. No plastics, roofing material, old carpets etc. to be burnt.*