

Fire Management Policy

Regulations for the management of campfires on public open space

1. If you wish to have a campfire on public open space, you must ask the Council for permission first. If permission is granted the following regulations will apply:
2. Fires are held in a location agreed with the Council and/or site managers.
3. The organiser must provide a risk assessment and have public liability insurance cover of at least £5m for the event.
4. Avon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service must be contacted prior to the session and informed that a controlled fire will be lit. They must also be informed once the fire has been extinguished. Their contact details are Tel: 0117 9262061. Ask to speak to the Control Room (ext. 313).
5. Fires must be contained in a stable fire wok or dish above ground. Not only will this contain the fire, but it will also protect the soil ecology from fire and heat damage.
6. Fires must be managed by qualified personnel at all times to ensure health and safety and environmental best practice.
7. Wood or charcoal from off-site must be used rather than onsite deadwood. Deadwood is a critical part of site ecology and rapidly depletes if harvested for fires.
8. Ash from fires is removed from site to prevent changes in soil ecology.
9. Unless the site has a permanent 'official' log circle, if log circles are created for fires, please dismantle and roll logs away into discrete locations after sessions for future use. Log circles left out will attract wider use and litter.
10. The site must be left according to the requirements of the site owners/managers.