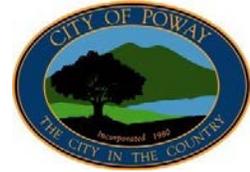




Fire Prevention Division Policies and Procedures



Open Burning, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces and Recreational Fires

All open burning, portable outdoor fireplaces and recreational fires are regulated by the City of Poway Fire Department through the Poway Municipal Code and its adoption of the California Fire Code and International Wildland Urban Interface Code.

Definitions

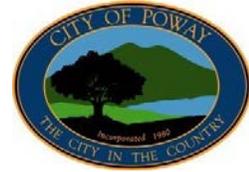
- Bonfire – an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.
The City of Poway prohibits bonfires.
- Opening Burning – the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots, or similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, recreational fires, or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues, or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the exhaust of gas are open. Open burning is prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. The City of Poway requires a Permit to Operate be issued by the Fire Department and is for agricultural purposes only.
- Portable Outdoor Fireplace – a portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. It may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.
- Recreational Fire – an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3-feet or less in diameter and 2-feet or less in height for pleasure, religion, ceremonies, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. The use of small, manufactured fire pits shown below are considered recreational fires.



Open burning, use of portable outdoor fireplaces, and recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire officials are authorized to order the extinguishment of the operation when open burning, the use of portable outdoor fireplaces, or recreational fires create or adds to a hazardous situation or when the smoke or odor emissions are considered a public nuisance.



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The following safety practices must be in place at all times:

- An adult must be present at all times to watch and tend to outdoor fires.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces, except when used at one and two-family dwellings, shall be used in accordance with manufacturer recommendations and shall not be within 15-feet of a structure or combustible material. These devices shall be equipped with an attached spark arrestor.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25-feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25-feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Recreational fires comprised of ordinary combustibles such as wood and paper products are prohibited in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Area (VHFSA) of Poway. The use of gas-fired, non-spark producing recreational fires are allowed in the VHFSA.

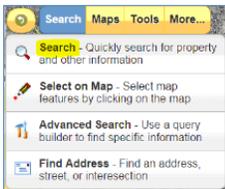
Residents can determine if their property is located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Area by searching the City Poway's GIS database at <http://powaygis.poway.org>

From Mobile Device

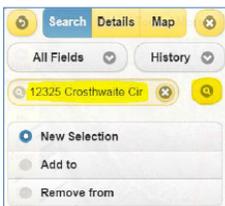
- Open the PowGIS application (<http://powaygis.poway.org>).
- Click **Search** located on the toolbar in the upper left corner of the screen.



- Click **Search** from the available search options.



- Type the address you are looking for in the Search Box and click the search button.



- The map will select and zoom to the parcel with the address you are looking for and display its attributes on the **Details** tab located on the left side of the screen.
- On the **Details** tab, scroll all the way down to the bottom.
- The **Within Very High Fire Hazard Zone** field will indicate whether the address is within the very high fire hazard zone or not.

Search	Details	Map
Assessor Land	\$0	
Assessor Improvements	\$0	
Assessor Total	\$0	
Acreage	7.69	
Assessor Land Use	0	
Subdivision Map	PM16320	
Subdivision Name	PARCEL MAP NO 16320	
Dwelling Units	0	
Multi Family	N	
Zoning Code	PC-7	
Zoning Description	Planned Community - South Poway Business Park	
Front Yard Setback		
Side Yard Setback - each side		
Side Yard Setback - street side		
Rear Yard Setback		
Lot Coverage		
Height		
Within Very High Fire Hazard Zone	Yes	
Within 100 Year Flood Plain	No	
Within 500 Year Flood Plain	No	
Within Hillside Ridgetline Review Area	Yes	

Details tab with parcel attributes

From Desktop Computer

- Open the PowGIS application (<http://powaygis.poway.org>).
- Type the address you are looking for in the Quick Search Box located in the upper left corner of the screen.



- Click the search button to search for the address.



- The map will select and zoom to the parcel with the address you are looking for and display its attributes in the **Search Results** box located on the left side of the screen.
- In the **Search Results** box, scroll all the way down to the bottom.
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Search Results	Select on Map	Advanced Search
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Create New Selection		
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12325 Crosthwaite Cir		
CITY OF POWAY		
Side Yard Setback - each side (min)		
Side Yard Setback - street side (min)		
Rear Yard Setback (min)		
Lot Coverage (max)		
Height (max)		
Within Very High Fire Hazard Zone	Yes	
Within 100 Year Flood Plain	No	
Within 500 Year Flood Plain	No	
Within Hillside Ridgetline Review Area	Yes	