

FIRE PIT / CHIMINEA REQUIREMENTS

Portable fire pits or chimineas are allowed once the resident satisfies the following requirements:

APPROVAL PROCESS

- The resident must obtain written approval to operate a portable fire pit or chiminea in family housing from the AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction). In most cases, this will be the military installation fire department.
- If a permit is required, the resident must apply for and possess a valid permit.
- The resident will submit their approval letter and any permits required to HMC Property Management and the military installation fire department.
- The resident will submit a picture of the portable fire pit or chiminea that will be used to HMC Property Management for approval.
- The resident is required to be sufficiently insured to cover any property damage or personal injury that may result in the use of a portable fire pit or chiminea.

REQUIREMENTS

- All state, county, local, and military installations regulations will be followed in the event of a burn ban being issued, and all fire pits and chiminea will be prohibited for use.
- Portable fire pit or chiminea hours of usage will be set by HMC Property Management.
- Portable fire pit or chiminea must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Portable fire pits or chiminea are not permitted for use in any common area or front yards.
- Portable fire pit or chiminea are authorized for use in the resident's backyard.
- The fire must be small and manageable, no greater than 3 feet in diameter.
- A competent adult must constantly attend all recreational fires until extinguished.
- Within 15 feet of a structure or combustible materials that could burn or catch fire, both overhead and to the sides, such as building components, fences, tree limbs, sheds, awnings, etc., fires shall not be permitted.
- It is required that a fire extinguisher, garden hose, or water bucket be available for quick extinguishment if necessary.
- Only use noncombustible flat surfaces for placement of approved fire pits and chiminea.
- Never use an accelerant to light any fire.
- Prohibited burning includes trash, rubbish, painted or stained wood, and construction debris.
- Fire pits and chiminea are prohibited for use with winds in excess of 10 mph.
- Fire pits and chiminea must be extinguished if smoke causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property.

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ASH DISPOSAL

- A good rule of thumb is to wait at least 24 hours after your fire has been extinguished before attempting to touch or otherwise move the ashes. Even if they look cool, ashes may contain enough heat to spark a fire long after the original fire has gone out. This is why it is best to wait at least one full day before touching the ash.
- After the ash has thoroughly cooled, you can use a shovel to remove it. It is best to use a metallic shovel designed specifically for ash removal, just in case the ash is still hot.
- When removing the ash after 24 hours after being extinguished, be sure to transfer it into a dedicated ash bucket made of metal. Never attempt to dispose of fire pit ash in a trash can, as this may cause an unwanted fire.



Fire Pit Examples



Chiminea Examples