

CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH

BONFIRE RULES

Those utilizing any of the designated bonfire sites must adhere to the following terms and conditions when using City parks and public spaces. Compliance will ensure a pleasant event and the return of your security/damage deposit. If these rules are not followed, it will result in a total loss of your deposit, you may incur additional fees for damages and/or cleanup costs in excess of your deposit and permit holder will be banned from future permit applications.

You must be at least 21 years of age to reserve a site and complete this use agreement. The person obtaining the permit must be present during the hours of the bonfire. They must have in their possession a photo ID and a copy of this permit (paper or digital) and present it upon request to City Staff/Fire Official or Police Officer during nightly inspections.

All recreational fires must be extinguished by midnight. Overnight camping is not allowed.

Recreational fire permits are subject to public record requests.

Applicant must be 21 years of age or older and must remain on site the entire time.

Permit holder shall have signed copy of the issued permit on them the entire time.

The recreational fire shall be constructed at least 25 feet from the beach access ramp, dune line or any other structures.

Recreational fire SHALL NOT exceed three (3) feet in diameter and OR GREATER than two (2) feet in flame height.

Permit holders must have extinguishment material available such as a bucket of water and a shovel.

Only commercially purchased SEASONED DRY Firewood or Duraflame type products are to be used. This product can be purchased at most hardware stores. NO EXCEPTIONS; if you break this rule, you will be shut down and your permit revoked.

*The use of lumber, plywood, pallets, trees, Christmas trees or any wood that is painted, has nails, pressure treated or such WILL NOT BE USED. Permit holders who violate this rule will be subject to fines, penalties, clean-up cost and revocation of the permit. If a permit holder violates this rule the fire will be extinguished, the permit will be canceled, and the permit holder will be banned from future permit applications.

The use of flammable liquid or products to start the fire is prohibited.

The City, through any of its applicable departments, reserves the right to cancel any permit if the City believes a violation or unsafe conditions are present.

* Recreation Fire Sites MUST BE FULLY CLEANED prior to your departure. Failure to do so will result in a ban of future recreation fires by the applicant, and a total loss of your deposit.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

It is prohibited for any person, firm, or corporation to intentionally release, organize the release, or intentionally cause any balloons or lanterns to be released into the atmosphere. Rice, birdseed, confetti, glitter, streamers, plastic petals, etc. are also prohibited. These items pose a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals.

In accordance with City Code, Chapter 26, Article VIII – Environmental Protections, regulating the prohibition of Styrofoam; All renters and participants agree not to sell, use, dispense, give away, provide food in, or offer the use of expanded polystyrene, commonly known as Styrofoam at any and all city locations and facilities.

In accordance with City Resolution No. 1002; All renters and participants are asked to discontinue the use of plastic straws, plastic stir sticks and similar plastic items in working toward a cleaner and safer environment, beach, ocean, and Indian River Lagoon.

REFUND POLICY

Beach bonfire permit fees are non-refundable once a permit has been issued, except when the City cancels the permitted bonfire due to circumstances beyond the permit holder's control.

A full refund will be issued if the City cancels the bonfire permit for municipal purposes or due to conditions that make the bonfire unsafe or prohibited, including, but not limited to, extreme weather conditions, fire bans, or other emergency or public safety circumstances.

Refunds will not be issued for cancellations or changes made by the permit holder, including changes in plans, inclement weather that does not result in a City cancellation, or failure to use the permitted reservation.

The City reserves the right to cancel or suspend a bonfire permit when conditions warrant and to determine whether a refund is applicable under this policy.

SECURITY/DAMAGE DEPOSIT RETURN

The security/damage deposit will be returned to the permit holder within 1-3 business days following the event and applied directly back to the credit card used to make payment, provided that all rules, regulations and guidelines outlined in the permit agreement have been followed. The permit area must be left clean and free of trash, debris, or damage, and all required cleanup and closing procedures must be completed.

If damage to City property, excessive cleanup, violation of the permit agreement, or other costs resulting from the event are identified, the City may retain all or a portion of the damage deposit to cover the associated costs. The permit holder will be responsible for any costs exceeding the amount of the damage deposit.