

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION DIVISION

GUIDELINES FOR
MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
FOR OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

I. LOCATION.

The location of the fireplace shall be at least ten (10) feet from any over hanging branches, stumps, logs and trees.

II. FIREPLACE SITE.

- A. The fireplace site shall consist of a circular area with a minimum radius of five (6) feet.
- B. The fireplace pad will consist of a circular area with a minimum radius of three (3) feet cleared to mineral soil and/or covered with gravel located in the center of the fireplace site. A concrete pad of the same dimensions may be used in lieu of mineral soil or gravel.
- C. The remaining two (2) feet of the six (6) foot radius circular fireplace site may contain vegetation as long as it is three (3) inches in height or less.
- D. If the campfire site is surrounded by a road, the above B and C can be ignored.

III. FIREPLACE CONSTRUCTION.

- A. The fireplace must consist of at least three (3) sides not less than ten (10) inches high.
- B. The fireplace must be constructed of non-combustible materials which are fastened or mortared together and in good condition.
- C. The fireplace shall be located on the fireplace pad and will be immobile. (Steel fireplaces must be staked down or somehow fastened to the pad).

