



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Fire Prevention Department - Planning and Development Services Section

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New Outdoor Non-Cooking, Gas and Wood Burning Fireplaces, Fire Pits, Fire Rings, and Similar Devices, Exterior to Residential Occupancies (Plan Review Form)

OCFA reviews the location of the device only.

Construction materials and structural design plans are reviewed and field inspected by the Building Department.

Requirements for Gas Burning Flames Only:

- These devices shall not be allowed within 3 feet horizontally from combustible construction, and the 3-foot separation extends vertically into an atmospheric column, not allowing combustible construction above the device within the column, unless a permanent Building Department approved method of venting is installed.
- Other than one and two family dwellings, such devices shall not be installed within 10 feet from buildings.

Site Plan and Form Submittal is not required: For a Building Department approved device meeting the above requirements, designed only to burn a gas flame, and not the burning of wood or other solid fuels.

Site Plan and Form Submittal is required: For burning of wood or other solid fuels in a Fireplace, Fire pit, Fire Ring, or similar device. (The plan is required to show the proximity measured in feet from the proposed device to all structures, fences, property lines, and slopes in or adjoining the yard. When there is more than one device, they are required to be numbered).

Wood / Solid Fuel Burning Requirements:

- The subject devices shall be approved by the Building Department.
- The fireplace shall be constructed in accordance with the Building Code and shall have a spark arrester installed.
- The opening in the face of the Firebox of a fireplace shall have an installed and maintained method of arresting sparks.
- Wood and solid fuel burning is not allowed within Wildfire Risk Areas (WRA) (CFC 202), Adopted and Mapped Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ), or within 15 feet of structures unless within a fireplace or approved by OCFA. (Fire Pits, Fire Rings, and similar devices could be allowed within the WRA or FHSZ if determined by OCFA that the location of the device should reasonably not be an ignition source that would initiate the start of a wild fire).
- Wood and solid fuel burning is not allowed within approved fuel modification zones. (*Building Department and OCFA has a list of homes with a fuel modification zone*).

List the Type of Device (and # if more than one) _____ (Provide a form for each separate device)

Address and City _____ **Tract and Lot Number** _____ / _____

Print Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

(Orange County Fire Authority Use Only)

Reviewed _____

OCFA staff initials and/or comments, indicate OCFA requirements:

OCFA _____ **Only Gas-Burning Flames are allowed for this device. Burning of wood or other solid fuel in this device is prohibited.**

OCFA _____ **Wood or Solid Fuel Burning device is acceptable per the currently adopted California Fire Code.**

OCFA Comments: _____

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