

# Bonfires are not allowed at any time in the Town of Scituate



*We have all witnessed how quickly fires can spread on the waterfront where housing is thickly settled and densely populated. Large crowds and traffic congestion on the 3rd and 4th of July create serious public safety risks.*

*Because of these risks, the construction and ignition of bonfires will not be permitted at any time.*

*Please be advised that any bonfire materials stored on private property or on the beach in violation of fire prevention regulations will be removed at the owner's expense. Any illegal fire will be extinguished by the fire department and the property owner held responsible for costs.*

*We ask for the cooperation of all residents and their guests to adhere to this fire safety provision.*

## ALL LAWS PERTAINING TO FIREWORKS, BONFIRES AND PUBLIC CONDUCT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

1. Bonfires will not be permitted and no permits will be granted to civic, fraternal, veterans, business or community organizations (MGL Chapter 111, Section 142-H, 1).
2. Campfire/cooking fires are permissible but must comply with the following regulations (MGL Chapter 48, Section 13):
  - > 3' in diameter surrounded by beach stone
  - > Wood 16" in height
  - > Please use dry firewood. Do not use pallets, pressure treated or painted wood.
  - > The SFD asks that the responsible party not start any fire beyond the high tide line and to wait until the tide recedes before starting a campfire.
3. All fires are to be safely extinguished by the responsible party.  
Any fire must be under the control of a party 18 years of age or older and must be attended at all times.
4. No liquid accelerants can be used to start cooking/campfires. Kindling or a Sterno type log may be used to start the fire.



5. Storage of wood for any cooking /campfires will be limited to 3' diameter by 3' high, stacked outside the foundation of your home.
6. Permission can be denied or revoked by Scituate Fire or Police Department for any violation of Massachusetts General Law, safety concerns, weather or for prior violations of any cooking or permit fire.
7. All regulations, statutes, and bylaws will be enforced by the Scituate Police and Fire Departments, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, members of the State Police Bomb Squad, and Fire and Explosion Investigation unit of the State Fire Marshal.

**OUR GOAL IS FOR ALL OF OUR  
RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO HAVE A  
SAFE AND FUN HOLIDAY.  
IF YOU NOTICE ANY HAZARDS OR  
VIOLATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
SCITUATE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT  
(781) 545-8748.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!**