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Public Service Announcement

Outdoor Heating Safety Advice

EL PASO, Texas – The winter season has arrived, and as residents of El Paso prepare to attend outdoor events and celebrations, the El Paso Fire Department would like to provide the following outdoor heating safety advice:

- Open flames or fire pits are not allowed in public right of ways (Street or Sidewalks). When used on private property, they must be equipped with spark arrestors.
- The use of portable outdoor fireplaces should be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, should be available for immediate use.
- Make sure any hot coal or wood is extinguished and properly disposed.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (4.5 meters) of a structure or combustible material.
- Only UL listed and approved portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliances utilizing a fuel gas container that is integral to the device shall be used.
- Portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliances shall be located not less than 5 feet to combustible decorations and combustible overhangs, awnings, sunshades or similar combustible attachments to buildings.
- Only approved DOT or ASME gas containers (for portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliances) shall be used.

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