

Fire Pit Policy

Portable Pits / Open Fires:

Open fires held on Covenant College property will need to follow the requirements listed below:

1. All open fires located on campus should be considered an event and coordinated through the FURF system. Conference Services will look to Safety and Security to provide approval for location (unless contained in permanent pit- see permanent fire pit policy), verification that a county ban on burning is not in effect and that a qualified monitor is on site during the event.
2. Fires shall be contained in the permanent fire pit or in a prefabricated, metal fire pit.
3. Desired fires too large for the permanent fire pit or a prefabricated, metal fire pit shall be restricted to pre-approved areas. These fires shall have a base of two layers of fire brick and shall not exceed 5' in flame height. Current approved locations are the parking areas adjacent to Shadowlands Field.
4. With regard to student-sponsored events, the student group sponsoring the event/submitting the FURF is solely responsible to provide firewood (unless using the permanent fire pit). Safety and Security will have staff and work study (security guards and safety team) available to light, periodically check the fire throughout the event and will clean up the pit immediately afterwards. The student group hosting the event is responsible for the cleanup of the surrounding area.
5. If more than one fire pit is FURFed/requested to be used on the same day, the pit/s FURFed/requested for a college event will take precedents.
6. If Safety and Security cannot schedule a qualified person to be present to light, monitor and extinguish the fire, all fires FURFed/requested will not take place.
7. Safety and Security requires at least 72-hours notice of all FURFed/requested fires in order to schedule qualified personnel and verify that a county burn ban is not in effect.
8. Only firewood is allowed to be burned in the fire pits and all accelerants are prohibited unless used by Safety and Security personnel. These accelerants include (but are not limited to) gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene and lighter fluid.
9. Safety and Security staff and work study (security guards and safety team) will periodically check on fires to make certain policies are being adhered to and will follow-up after the event has ended to clean up appropriately
10. If a fire has been built that wasn't previously FURFed/requested, the Safety and Security staff and work study (security guards and safety team) will make note of those involved as

to make certain the Safety and Security office is aware of the person/s responsible for extinguishing the fire and clean-up.

11. If fires are held between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. (Monday through Friday) or anytime on Saturday and Sunday, the security guards can be reached by dialing 423.593.1403 if needed for assistance. If assistance is needed for fires being held during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday), the Safety and Security office can be reached at 706.419.1229.

Permanent Pit / Blackwatch Gardens:

Open fires in the Covenant College Permanent Fire Pit will need to follow the requirements listed below:

12. All open fires located in the permanent pit should be coordinated through the FURF system. Conference Services will look to Safety and Security to provide approval for the FURF, verifying that a county ban on burning is not in effect and that a qualified monitor is on site during the event. (When requesting the use of the Blackwatch Gardens, be sure to add a service request for the fire pit to the FURF.)
13. Safety and Security will provide a member of the safety team to unlock the pit, light, monitor and extinguish the fire. Safety and Security staff and work study (security guards and safety team) will periodically check on fires to make certain policies are being adhered to and will follow-up after the event has ended to clean up the fire. A metal trash container will be stored on site and all ashes are to be placed in the can. Facilities have agreed to empty the trash container as needed. The student group hosting the event is responsible for the cleanup of the surrounding area. The member of the safety team will also lock the pit after the event.
14. Safety and Security requires at least 72-hours notice of all FURFed/requested fires in order to schedule qualified personnel and verify that a county burn ban is not in effect. If Safety and Security cannot schedule a qualified person to be present, the fire will not take place.
15. Students hosting the event are responsible for purchasing their own firewood. Student Senate will reimburse you for the wood. Keep your receipt and return it to the Student Body Treasurer for a refund. Include your name and banner ID with the receipt. Students are not allowed to gather firewood from campus property at any time.
16. Only firewood is allowed to be burned in the fire pits and all accelerants are prohibited unless used by Safety and Security personnel. These accelerants include (but are not limited to) gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene and lighter fluid.
17. If a fire has been built that wasn't previously FURFed/requested, the Safety and Security staff and work study (security guards and safety team) reserves the right to shut down the event for safety purposes.
18. If fires are held between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. (Monday through Friday) or anytime on Saturday and Sunday, the security guards can be reached by dialing 423.593.1403 if needed for assistance. If assistance is needed for fires being held during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday), the Safety and Security office can be reached at 706.419.1229.