



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

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 radius of five (5) feet.
- B. The fireplace pad will consist of a circular area with a radius of three (3) feet cleared to mineral soil and/or covered with gravel located in the center of the fireplace site.
- C. The remaining two (2) feet of the five (5) foot radius circular fireplace site may contain vegetation as long as the vegetation is less than three (3) inches in height.
- D. If the campground is surrounded by a road, the above "B" and "C" requirements may be deleted.

III. FIREPLACE CONSTRUCTION

- A. The fireplace must consist of at least three (3) sides not less than ten (10) inches in height.
- B. The fireplace must be constructed of non-combustible materials which are fastened together and in good condition.
- C. The fireplace will be located on the fireplace pad and be immobile.

IV. MAINTENANCE

- A. Remove living vegetation that may be hanging within ten (10) feet of the fireplace.
- B. Keep litter removed from the fireplace pad.
- C. Replace components as their condition deteriorates to maintain minimum construction specifications.
- D. Ashes should be cold to the touch before disposal.