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Bonfire Advice complementary to Clause 7.d of the standard Tenancy Agreement for Allotment Holders

7. The Tenant shall, during the tenancy, comply with the following conditions:-

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d) not cause any noise or nuisance to any tenant of any other part of the allotments provided by the Council or to any neighbouring householder/landowner especially due to the use of bonfires. Small bonfires may be used for the disposal of garden waste only, but these must be attended at all times. Bonfires may only be lit between 4 – 6pm and must be extinguished after this period. Please check the noticeboard for details when bonfires may be prohibited due to weather conditions

Supplemental Information

If you decide to have a bonfire please follow these guidelines which are designed to minimise pollution and inconvenience to other people

- **DO NOT burn wet or green garden waste.** This will create heavy smoke. Allow clippings to dry and turn brown for a couple of weeks before burning.
- DO NOT burn any oily rags, rubber, plastics or other materials that will create heavy smoke or toxic fumes.
- DO NOT light a bonfire when neighbouring properties have washing drying, or are out enjoying their gardens or have windows wide open.
- DO advise your nearest allotment holders before you light a bonfire so they can be prepared for any minor inconvenience that may arise.
- DO choose the time of day and weather conditions that will cause the least inconvenience to neighbouring properties and allotment holders.. Having a bonfire on a warm day or evening when people want to enjoy their garden and tend to have doors and windows open will cause greater annoyance.
- DO burn material quickly in small quantities so the minimum amount of smoke is created.
- DO choose your bonfire site carefully, well away from trees, boundary fences and windows.

Beware of lighting a bonfire when there are unstable weather conditions, for example on very windy days it can so easily get out of control. Have a hose-pipe and buckets of water handy just in case and never leave a fire unattended. Hose it down until cold before you leave and then rake the ashes into the soil as a useful fertiliser.

Your cooperation is be greatly appreciated