



BONFIRES

CODE OF PRACTICE

GUIDANCE FOR BONFIRES ON IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS

A bonfire can be a source of great annoyance to neighbours. The Smoke maybe annoying to others but also be harmful to others particular to people with chest or heart problems. In addition, the substances produced by typical bonfire smoke can be carcinogenic or cancer forming.

Please follow the rules below if having a bonfire. Failure to do so may result in eviction or a total ban.

- 1 Bonfires are not to be lit on any field on a Sunday or Monday.
- 2 Keep the number of bonfires to an absolute minimum and only burn dry garden refuse. Never burn household rubbish or other materials. e.g. rubber or plastic.
- 3 Be prepared to consult your neighbours before lighting a bonfire to seek their agreement and ensure that no inconvenience is caused.
- 4 Do not light a bonfire when weather conditions will cause problems. Smoke hangs in the air on damp, windless days and in the evenings around sunset.
- 5 Site the bonfire in a safe place and in a bin to contain the fire and as far away as possible from your neighbours' property including adjoining residential properties.
- 6 Do not light a fire when smoke will be blown over neighbours' property including residential properties or over roads and railway lines.
- 7 Do not use flammable liquids such as petrol, paraffin or methylated spirits to light a bonfire or keep it burning.
- 8 Keep the bonfire under supervision at all times and ensure that it is extinguished completely, by dousing with soil or water, before you leave it.
- 9 Keep a hosepipe or buckets of water close at hand and be ready to extinguish the fire if problems arise e.g. a sudden change of wind direction.
- 10 Not following these rules may result in eviction from your field

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TIMES BONFIRES ARE ALLOWED ON IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS

All Bonfires are subject to the Rules 1 – 10 in the Bonfires Code Practice together with the Allotment Garden Rules and the Allotment Field Committee guidelines. Each Allotment Field has specific restrictions as to when bonfires can be lit and it is your responsibility to be aware and follow the above Rules and Guidelines. Please speak with your Field Secretary for information concerning bonfires on your Field.

ASTER ROAD Field 5	Bonfires allowed 1st week of every month.
BACK HAMLET Field 26	Field bonfires organised by the Field Secretary are permitted from 1st Oct to 1st March
BELSTEAD Field 25	Bonfires allowed all year.
BRAMFORD LANE Field 1	Bonfires allowed from 1st November to 1st March.
CASTLE HILL Field 3	Field bonfires organised by the Field Secretary are permitted all year.
COLCHESTER ROAD Field 15	Bonfires allowed all year after 3pm.
NORTHGATE Field 14	Bonfires allowed all year after 3pm.
FELIXSTOWE ROAD Field 22	Bonfires allowed all year.
LONDON ROAD Fields 7 & 8	Field bonfires organised by the Field Secretary are permitted from 1st Oct to 1st March.
MAIDENHALL Field 10	Bonfires allowed all year subject to: 1st March until 30th September after 3pm 1st October until 28th February after 1pm.
MORLAND ROAD Field 4	Bonfires allowed all year.
NORWICH ROAD Field 12	Bonfires allowed all year.
SPRING ROAD 1 Field 17 (ALEXANDRA ROAD ENTRANCE)	Bonfires allowed 1st week of every month.
SPRING ROAD 2 (SPRING ROAD ENTRANCE)	Field bonfires organised by the Field Secretary are permitted from 1st Oct to 1st March.
SIDEGATE LANE Field 16	Bonfires allowed 1st October – 31st March.
WHITTON CHURCH LANE Field 19	Bonfires allowed all year.

ALTERNATIVES TO BONFIRES

Composting is a much better use for garden refuse than burning it. A properly built compost heap will deal with most garden wastes such as leaves, grass cuttings and kitchen scraps. An excellent fertiliser and soil conditioner, homemade compost will save money and reduce pollution. For more information on home composting visit the website listed on the back of this leaflet.

Civic amenity sites are operated in and around the Borough where domestic and garden waste can be taken free-of-charge:

**Portman Walk (off Sir Alf Ramsey Way), IP1 2DW
Foxhall, IP10 OHT**

These sites are run by Suffolk County Council and they accept household waste for recycling and disposal (subject to some restrictions).

SITE OPENING TIMES

	April - September	October - March
Monday	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Tuesday	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Wednesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday	9am - 5pm (open until 7pm May-August)	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Sunday/Bank Holidays	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm

The green waste recycling service will also remove garden waste if put in your brown bin and left out on the appropriate bin collection day.



HOW TO CONTACT US

Our normal working hours are:
9am – 5pm Monday – Friday

During working hours telephone:
01473 433990

Email:
allotments@ipswich.gov.uk

For out-of-hours issues
Park Patrol
01473 432132 (24 hours)

USEFUL CONTACTS

Home composting website
www.homecomposting.org.uk/

For further information
Contact your Field Secretary