



# Beach Bonfire Guidelines

\*Be responsible and clean up after yourself. Make sure your bonfire is completely out before leaving the beach. You must extinguish your fire with water. Do not use sand to smother the fire. Sand does not extinguish the fire and will insulate the hot coals. The embers will remain hot under the sand for a long time, creating a risk of injury for those walking over the covered fire area.

\*Be respectful of the lakefront homes and residents, keep your bonfire away from beachside homes. Please keep your music and talking at a respectful level, especially during the nighttime hours. Burning close to any dune grass is prohibited.

\*No glass allowed on beach. No alcohol for anyone under 21 years of age, this is strictly enforced. No fireworks are allowed on the beach. Please take all your trash with you when you leave. LEAVE NO TRACE, please.

\*Never leave a bonfire unattended. Ensure an adult over 18 is monitoring the fire. Do not let your bonfire become too large, as lakefront winds can switch unexpectedly and create a fire spread hazard.

\*Town of Long Beach Ordinance **requires** anyone burning on the public beach within the Town of Long Beach to obtain a bonfire permit/permission from the Long Beach Police Department. Obtaining a permit is now simple and quick.

-Prior to having a bonfire, please send an email to: [chief@lbpdin.org](mailto:chief@lbpdin.org)

In the email please include:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone number
4. Date of Bonfire
5. Time of Bonfire
6. The beach stop location of the bonfire

***\* Please note, you do not need to wait for an email reply or approval before you have your bonfire. You may send your email anytime, 24 hours a day.***

The Long Beach Police Department may cancel a bonfire deemed unsafe!