

Fires are legal on Montauk beaches, you just need to follow the following rules.

1. A beach fire must be less than 30 inches in diameter and less than 24 inches high. Anything larger is considered a bonfire and requires a Burning Permit.
2. Fires should be more than 50 feet from any beach grass, vegetation, tent, fence, building, or permanent structure, (on narrow beaches you can build from 25 feet of grass and vegetation), and more than 100 feet from any lifeguard stand.
3. Only **clean wood** can be used, no chemically treated wood, or wood with paint or nails, nor wood or plastic pallets, can be used. (You can buy wood at Becker's Hardware in the village.)
4. Do not throw metal, plastic, or glass into the beach fire.
5. The fire must be attended at all times by an adult.
6. A Marine Patrol Officer Fire Marshall, or Police Officer can require a fire be extinguished when deemed dangerous, for example during high winds. If prevailing wind velocity exceeds 20 miles per hour no beach fire can be started.
7. A pail or bucket of water must be kept within 10 feet of the fire.
8. All fires must be fully extinguished prior to 11:59pm
9. **The fire must be fully and completely extinguished with water.** Fires cannot be buried with sand.
10. All fire debris must be removed (a good way to do this is put it into the pail). Ash cans will be provided at the entrance to ocean beaches to dispose of debris. The site must be restored to its natural condition.

**Beaches are patrolled by Fire Marshalls, Police Officers and Marine Patrol Personnel who will give citations for failure to comply with these regulations.**