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New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Regulations On Use Of Combustible Landscape Materials Exception 1 and 2 Family Owner Occupied Dwellings

New Jersey has recently adopted the 2018 International Fire Code New Jersey Edition. As part of this adoption the below code is effective April 15, 2025.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-3,305.6 The use of combustible landscape materials, such as wood-based mulch products, is prohibited in any of the following conditions.

1. Within 18 inches of any building or structure;
2. Within 18 inches of a deck, porch, balcony, or any other portion of the building constructed of combustible material; or
3. Within 18 inches of any designated smoking area.

Exceptions:

1. Live plant material such as shrubs, flowers, and trees provided they are not located within 18 inches of the building or structure or beneath a combustible over hang with less than 6 feet of clearance.
2. Non- Combustible building or structure exteriors that have no combustible components or trim with less than 3 feet clearance from grade.
3. Fire resistant mulch.