

## Recreational Fires



Summertime is a great time to sit around the campfire! This is allowed in the City of Mounds View, however please note that children under the age of 18 may not possess ignition devices such as matches and lighters by City Ordinance, nor should they be unsupervised at a legal campfire.

Additionally, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

1. Open burning of garbage, pallets, wooden shingles, scrap wood, brush, tree trimmings, leaves, yard waste, cardboard, paper, lumber, and similar items is not permitted. Only natural firewood cut in short lengths less than two (2) feet may be burned.
2. The fire must be contained in a ring or pit not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter.
3. All fire rings must be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, woodpiles or wood fences. Manufactured fire pits, which contain the fire with enclosure on at least three sides is allowed to be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from structures as above.
4. The fire must be constantly attended and supervised by an adult until the fire has been completely extinguished.
5. A connected garden hose or other means to extinguish the fire must be readily available.
6. No burning is allowed on windy days (more than 10 mile per hour winds) when smoke may cause a nuisance for nearby neighbors.
6. The use of flammable or combustible liquid accelerates is not permitted.
7. Recreational fires are not permitted when the fire marshal, Department of Natural Resources or MN Pollution Control Agency have initiated a burning ban. Check the City website or facebook page for these alerts.

If you are bothered by smoke from a legal or illegal fire, please call 911. Police and Fire Officials have the authority to ask a resident to put out and discontinue a legal fire if it is bothering someone or if the burning constitutes a fire hazard and to issue citations to offenders having an illegal fire. An illegal fire constitutes a misdemeanor offense under fire regulation 3-95, and is punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and/ or 90 days in jail.

Please keep your campfires safe!