

Chanhassen Fire Department

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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CHANHASSEN FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY OUTSIDE RECREATIONAL/CAMPFIRE REQUIREMENTS

Fires for cooking, ceremonial or recreational purposes do not require Minnesota D.N.R. or Chanhassen Fire Department permits.

The following conditions must also be met:

- 1. Recreation and campfires are intended for that purpose, recreation. Spring and fall cleanup of yards with the intention of burning the material is not considered a recreation fire. Small branches and twigs can be utilized for starting a recreation fire but not continuous burning of such materials. Please remember to keep your neighbors in mind when burning, be considerate and be conscious of where the smoke is heading. Burn responsibility.
- 2. The material to be burned must be limited to a pile no larger than three feet in diameter and three feet high.
- 3. Burn only unpainted and untreated wood. Note: Coal or charcoal may be burned.
- 4. All fire rings or pits must be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences. Manufactured portable fire pits must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences.
- 5. A fire extinguisher, bucket of water, shovel or garden hose shall be readily available for use at recreation fires.
- 6. Recreation fires shall be constantly attended by a responsible adult, knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment required by these requirements. A responsible adult shall supervise a recreation fire until such fire has been extinguished.
- 7. Any officer of the Chanhassen Fire Department, MN D.N.R., or Carver County Deputy Sheriff is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to constitute a hazardous condition.
- 8. Recreation fires are not allowed if a total burning ban or DNR Red Flag Day is in effect.
- 9. Wind speed and gusts can be no greater than 10 MPH at any time during the fire. Be aware that smoke may create a nuisance for nearby neighbors.

- 10. The prevailing winds <u>must</u> be away from nearby occupied buildings.
- 11. Open burning of lumber, pallets, wooden shingles, scrap wood, brush, tree trimmings, leaves, straw, hay, yard waste, cardboard, paper, garbage, and other similar items, <u>is not permitted</u> and could result in a fine and/or Fire Department costs.
- 12. The use of flammable or combustible liquid accelerants is not permitted.
- 13. Recreational fires are not permitted on commercial or industrial sites, or sites with construction activities.

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