West Metro Fire Rescue District

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Recreational Burning

Rules & Guidelines

- 1. Recreational fires may not be used for the disposal of yard waste, construction materials, or common household trash. Only aged and dry firewood may be used to fuel recreational fires.
- 2. All recreational fires must be in an approved outdoor fireplace or pit, which is at grade or below and no more than three (3) feet in diameter. The outside edge must be ringed with brick, rock, or other non-combustible material to prevent the spread of fire. Commercially manufactured steel outdoor fire pits and structures may be used provided they are not more than three (3) feet in diameter.
- 3. All recreational fires must be kept a minimum of 25 feet from any structure or combustible materials. Portable outdoor fireplaces may be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and may not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- 4. Recreational fires are not be allowed if winds exceed seven (7) miles per hour.
- Property owners or designated adults must constantly attend to recreational fires until completely extinguished. A garden hose or other adequate means of extinguishment must be available within 15 feet of the fire for emergency purposes.
- 6. When prohibited by action of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, recreational fires are not permitted.
- 7. All recreational fires must be extinguished no later than 11:00 p.m.
- 8. Property owners are liable for damages that may result from having a recreational fire.
- 9. At the discretion of the fire official, any recreational fire not adhering to the above regulations and/or posing a dangerous condition shall be considered a public nuisance and must be extinguished immediately. Any person or persons who fail to comply with these conditions shall be in violation of the above said regulations and may be issued a citation for violating city ordinances.