



OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AND COOKING FIRE REQUIREMENTS
IN ACCORDANCE TO MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CODE AND BROOKLYN CENTER CITY ORDINANCE

1. All fires must be in an approved outdoor fireplace, or pit that is at least one foot below grade. A pit must be located 25 feet from buildings, fences, property lines or flammable materials. Pits must be no more than three feet in diameter, and the outer edge must be ringed with brick or rock. Commercial fire pits may be used provided they are no more than three feet in diameter.
2. Only clean dry wood may be burned. No leaves, trash, treated wood, painted wood or other materials. All burning materials must be kept in the pit at all times.
3. Fires must be managed to not exceed three feet above the fire pit. Persons must be able to stand within four feet of the fire.
4. The fire shall be attended by adults at all times. An adequate water source must be available at the pit for extinguishment.
5. Prevailing wind conditions shall be less than 10 miles, and shall not direct smoke toward other nearby residences.
6. Outdoor recreational fires are permitted from 8 a.m. to midnight. All fires must be extinguished by midnight.
7. No recreational fires shall be permitted when the City, or the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, has officially declared a "burning ban" due to potential fire conditions; or when the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has declared an air quality alert.
8. The Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal, fire personnel or law enforcement are authorized to require recreational fires to be immediately extinguished: if it is determined that the fire constitutes a dangerous condition or causes undue hardship on neighboring residences. Failure to comply with these requirements or an order by the fire department or law enforcement is subject to a fine.

For any questions please contact Deputy Fire Marshal Brandon Gautsch at BGautsch@BrooklynCenterMN.gov or by calling 763-549-3642