



MAPLE GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT
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FIRE PREVENTION POLICY CONT.

RECREATIONAL BURN PERMIT

PURPOSE: To provide policy for recreational fires conducted by residents of the City of Maple Grove in conjunction with the Code of Ordinances for the City of Maple Grove. The State of Minnesota allows Maple Grove to impose additional restrictions beyond those contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 88.

Maple Grove Ordinance Chapter 18 designates the Fire Chief as the person authorized to adopt and impose burning restrictions in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Maple Grove Fire Department Policy on recreational fires has been created to deal with fire safety issues related to recreational fires.

1. Residents shall possess a recreational fire permit. Recreational fire permits are valid only for the calendar year of issuance and are effective from the date issued until December 31st of the same year.
2. A person may only obtain a recreational fire permit and conduct a recreational fire on private property.

General Requirements:

1. A minimum of one suitable fire extinguisher or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, or a garden hose shall be readily available at all times until fire is extinguished.
2. Sustained winds must be less than ten (10) miles per hour.
3. All wood burned must be less than three (3) feet in length. Charcoal and clean, untreated, or natural wood may be utilized as fuel. Sticks and small branches may be utilized, but shall not be burned for purposes of disposal in an open burning manner.
4. Recreational fires must be immediately extinguished if they pose a fire safety risk, are not in compliance with applicable state and city laws, or when directed to do so by any Maple Grove police officer, firefighter or Officer.

5. A competent, unimpaired adult at least eighteen (18) years in age, shall attend the fire until the fire is extinguished.
6. Any Maple Grove Police or Fire Department member may issue orders for fires to be extinguished that are not following this guide, or creating another public safety concern or nuisance, or disobeying any applicable state laws.

Specific requirements:

1. Portable outdoor gas-fired decorative devices:
 - a. Shall be located at least five (5) feet from buildings and must not be located beneath or closer than five (5) feet to combustible decorations and combustible overhangs, awnings, sunshades or similar combustible attachments to buildings.
 - i) Exception: In single-family dwellings, these devices may be placed on a combustible horizontal surface, so long as all other requirements of this code are met.
2. Open-air recreational fire (campfire):
 - a. Fires shall not exceed three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
 - b. The fire must be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from all combustible materials.
 - c. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
3. Fires wholly contained within metal, clay, or concrete devices whether permanent or temporary:
 - a. Shall not be operated within fifteen (15) feet of any combustible materials.
 - b. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within fifteen (15) feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Prohibited:

1. The following materials shall not be burned: chemically treated products, garbage, and yard waste, including; but not limited to chemically treated fireplace logs, treated, painted, stained, or glued woods, such as plywood or particle board; furniture or other household items, including construction debris; or leaves, grass clippings or garden vegetation. Brush piles and bush/scrub debris may not be burned and shall be deemed as yard waste.
2. Portable unvented fuel-fired heaters, including propane or natural gas, fueled portable outdoor gas-fired heaters and patio fire pits shall not be used indoors or inside any enclosure.

*****The City of Maple Grove recreational fire permit does not supersede any requirements imposed on individuals by a home owner's association or a landlord*****

*****The permit is subject to revocation if open burning is conducted violating any of the conditions listed. If you should move, the permit will no longer be valid*****