



## **Recreational Fire, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces and Portable Outdoor Heating Requirements**

**Recreational Fires.** An outdoor fire burning authorized materials where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.



**Recreational fires do not require a permit but must comply with the following:**

- a) A recreational fire is not permitted when a burning ban or air quality alert is in effect. An adult must be in attendance at all times.
- b) The recreational fire site shall have appropriate communication (cell phone) and adequate fire suppression equipment (charged hose, filled water buckets) available.
- c) The recreational fire shall be attended to at all times by an adult. No fire may ever be allowed to smolder.
- d) The recreational fire must be a minimum of 10 feet from property lines and 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
- e) A recreational fire is not allowed if winds exceed 15 miles per hour.
- f) Smoke from a recreational fire may not unreasonably impact neighboring property owners, as determined by the enforcement official.
- g) Prohibited materials as listed below shall not be used for any recreational fire.

### **Prohibited Materials:**

1. No person shall conduct, cause, or permit the open burning, or use in a recreational fire, oils, petroleum fuels, rubber, plastic, chemically treated materials, or other materials that produce excessive or noxious smoke such as, but not limited to: tires; railroad ties; treated, painted, or glued wood composite shingles; tar paper; insulation; composition board; sheet rock; wiring; or paint and paint filters.
2. No person shall conduct, cause, or permit the open burning of hazardous waste or materials from salvage operations; solid waste generated from an industrial or manufactured process; materials from a service or commercial establishment; or building materials generated from demolition of commercial or institutional structures.
3. No person shall conduct, cause, or permit the open burning of discarded materials resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving, or consumption of food.
4. No person shall conduct, cause, or permit the open burning of any leaves, brush, or grass clippings.

**Violations of this code may subject permitted to criminal and/or civil actions.**

**Portable Outdoor Fireplace.** A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top. Portable Outdoor Fireplaces shall not be located closer than 15 feet to any structure or combustible material.



**Portable Outdoor Gas-Fired Heating Appliances.** Prohibited Locations. The storage or use of portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliances is prohibited in any of the following locations:

1. Shall be located at least 5 feet from buildings.
2. Inside of any occupancy when connected to the fuel gas container.
3. Inside of tents, canopies and membrane structures.
4. On exterior balconies.



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**Property owners are required to meet all minimum requirements as establish by City Code.**

**Resident Responsibility:** The resident is responsible for compliance and implementation of all general conditions, and special conditions as established in the city code. The resident shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of the burn including, but not limited to, fire suppression and administrative fees. Any questions should be directed to Interim Fire Chief Justin Elvestad at [JElvestad@ci.farmington.mn.us](mailto:JElvestad@ci.farmington.mn.us)

**Illegal or Nuisance Fires Should be reported to 9-1-1.  
Ask the dispatcher to send the “On Duty Chief Officer”.**