

46.07 - OPEN BURNING

(a) Prohibited.

1. Unless written permission is secured in advance from the designated City Fire Wardens, no person shall cause, suffer, permit or allow open burning as defined herein on real property under his control.
2. No person shall kindle a fire upon the land of another without written permission of the owner thereof or his agent.

(b) Definition of Open Burning. Open burning is defined as burning any matter, including, but not limited to, litter, refuse, garbage, leaves, paper or other combustible material outside of an appliance meeting the Minnesota State Building Code and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regulations for that intended purpose.

(c) Outdoor Fireplace or Fire. This section does not prohibit the use of an outdoor fireplace or outdoor fire used exclusively for cooking, warmth or a recreational purpose. Outdoor fireplaces, barbecues or fires shall not be used for the burning of litter, refuse, garbage, leaves, paper, etc. The material to be burned shall be contained within an outdoor fireplace, barbecue or noncombustible fire ring and shall be limited to a pile no larger than three feet in diameter by two feet high. Fires within such ring and outside of an outdoor fireplace or barbecue shall be a minimum distance of 100 feet from all structures and not more than 150 feet from a 20 foot wide access for fire apparatus.

The use of commercially manufactured wood burning appliances shall be allowed provided such appliance is equipped with a spark arresting screen and is located a minimum distance of 20 feet from an occupied structure and 10 feet from any other structure. The appliance shall be constantly attended while in use. Only unfinished wood shall be burned in such appliance and the burning shall be done in such a manner so that dense smoke and noxious fumes are not created.

(d) Bonfires. Bonfires are defined as the open burning of cut trees, vegetation or lumber for recreational purposes. Unless written permission is secured in advance from a City Fire Warden, no person shall cause or allow any bonfires to occur. Authorization of such permission is subject to the following conditions:

1. The location of the fire is not less than 100 feet from any structure and adequate protection is made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 100 feet of any structure.
2. Bonfires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have buckets, shovels, garden hose or a fire extinguisher available to prevent the spread of the fire.
3. The Fire Chief may prohibit any bonfire when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
4. Bonfires shall be no larger than six (6) feet in diameter.

5. Fuel for bonfires shall consist of unfinished wood only. There shall be no burning of upholstered furniture, trash, tires, plastic or any other material that may violate Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regulations.
6. Bonfires shall NOT be started with the use of flammable or combustible liquids.
7. The Fire Chief shall be notified in advance of all bonfires.
8. All precautions to protect the safety of the participants shall be taken.