



## **Recreational Burning Ordinance**

### **Recreational Burning Permits Are Required Within the City**

- Permits are available on-line through our website or from the St. Cloud Fire Department Station #1, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Station #1 is located at 101 10th Avenue North.
- Applications can also be mailed to Fire Station #1, forms are available on our website.
- Annual permits are \$25 and valid from January 1 to December 31.
- Permits are issued only to property owners unless verifiable written permission is given to another party by the owner. The property owner must accept responsibility for any burning citations issued against the permitted property on the permission form. The permission form is on our website ([www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/fire](http://www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/fire)) or available at Fire Station One and must be signed by the owner.
- Permits are not issued to apartments or businesses without a preliminary inspection and approval.
- Burning is permitted daily between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and midnight.
- This permit only allows the burning of clean, dry, natural, unpainted wood.
- The burning of leaves, paper, yard waste, or garbage **is prohibited**.
- The fire must be contained within a non-combustible ring or pit located at least 25 feet from buildings and property lines or within an approved manufactured fireplace located at least 15 feet from buildings and property lines. Total fuel area allowed under this permit shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter or 2 feet in height. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread shall be eliminated prior to ignition. These regulations do not apply to barbecue grills, cooking or hard piped compressed gas installations installed under a mechanical permit that use no solid fuels.
- A competent adult having a means of extinguishment immediately available must constantly attend the fire until it is out. Unattended fires are not allowed and are a misdemeanor violation of the fire code. Please make sure that your fire is extinguished to avoid being fined.
- No burning is allowed on streets, sidewalks or other public right-of-way without specific permission.
- Burning is allowed only at the location for which the permit is issued.
- Permits may be temporarily suspended due to seasonal fire conditions or air quality concerns including smoke drifting onto adjoining properties.



Open burning that creates a nuisance due to smoke or odor emissions shall be prohibited. The fire official, health official or police officer is authorized to order the extinguishment of open burning when it creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable condition. Failure to follow the terms and conditions of the permit shall be cause for revocation of the permit and may lead to criminal prosecution.

Burning violations are a misdemeanor under City Ordinance 300:50 Subd.3, the Minnesota State Fire Code Section 307 and MN State Statute Chapter 88, specifically 88.171 & 88.195. Violation of City Ordinance 300:50 Section 307 is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$1,000.00 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

***Please be considerate of your neighbors!***

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