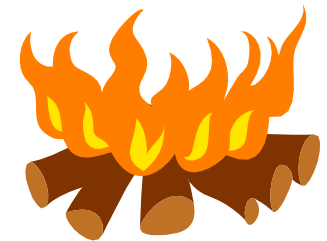


**RICHFIELD
FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

**RECREATIONAL
FIRE
SAFETY**



Even though small recreational fires do not require a permit, they must conform to safety and nuisance regulations.

Several agencies are concerned with fire safety and public health. Highlights of the Minnesota State Fire Code, other State and Richfield City Ordinances are cited below.

1. "Recreational Fire" means a fire set for cooking, warming or ceremonial purposes.
2. Fires must not be more than three feet in diameter or two feet in height.
3. Fires must be contained in a fire pit or enclosure that is constructed from brick, masonry, metal or other noncombustible material.

Permits are not required for Recreational Fires.

For Further Information: Contact the Richfield Fire Marshal at (612) 243-4501.

Richfield Regulations

What can be burned?

Only dried wood from trees or small branches or charcoal may be burned.

NO RUBBISH MAY BE BURNED. No trash, yard debris, construction debris, plastic or treated, painted, varnished or otherwise coated materials may be burned.

The size of the pile of fuel must be less than three (3) feet in diameter and less than two (2) feet in height.

Flammable Liquids (i.e. gasoline, etc.) shall not be used as starter fluid. If combustible liquid starter fluids are used, they must be used in a safe manner, per manufacturer's instructions.

How close is safe?

Fire must be at least 25' from any structure.

Portable fireplaces and other manufactured burning appliances shall be used outdoors only and in accordance with manufacturer's warnings and instructions but no closer than 15 feet to a structure or other combustibles.

Other Regulations:

The hours of burning shall be limited to between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. The fire may not be ignited before 3 p.m. and must be fully extinguished by 11 p.m.

At least one person 18 years of age or older must constantly attend the fire until such fire is extinguished.

The attending person shall have a garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment, readily available for use.

You are liable for damages and Fire Department costs that may result from having a recreational fire.

Fires must be immediately extinguished when ordered by a firefighter or police officer. A firefighter or police officer may order any recreational fire to be extinguished if the fire poses a nuisance to surrounding residences. A nuisance is deemed to exist if the fire generates flying embers that pose a hazard to property or generates smoke or odors that unreasonably interfere with the use or enjoyment of neighboring properties.