



## CITY OF NOWTHEN

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### **OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS**

**Burning Requirements:** These rules apply to rec fires and fires that require a permit.

- **Rec Fires** - A permit is **not** required for piles 3' x 3' or smaller. However the following rules still apply.
- **Permits** - A valid burning permit must be obtained for piles larger than 3' x 3' and smaller than 15' x 15'. The permit must remain on site with the attendant at all times. Permits are active for 3 days.
- **Size Restrictions** - The **MAX** Burn pile size is 15'x15'. Only one pile can be burned at a time.
- **Snow** - A permit is **not** required when 3 or more inches of snow cover the ground.
- **Wind Condition** – Fires shall not be conducted if wind conditions exceed ten (10) mph.
- **Materials** – **ONLY** clean vegetative material: grass, leaves, brush and untreated lumber may be burned. Burning garbage, treated wood, construction material, furniture, hazardous wastes and plastics is strictly prohibited.
- **Means of ignition** – The use of fuel oil, gasoline or similar flammable/combustible liquids is prohibited to ignite a fire. The fire should be ignited using an open flame and paper or kindling.
- **Fire Extinguishing Equipment** – A water source, fire extinguisher or other extinguishing material /equipment is needed for all open burning.
- **Attendance** – Every recreational fire must be constantly attended by a competent person 18 years of age or older. The fire shall be completely extinguished by them before leaving the fire unattended.
- **Hours** – Open burning permits are valid for 3 days after the start date listed on the permit. The City of Nowthen has to rights to revoke a permit if the weather conditions are not favorable to burn.
- **Wildland Management** – Material such as grass, weeds, cattails, marsh, prairie grass, and alike are not allowed to be burned during local or state burning bans. All variances will be approved or disapproved by the Fire Chief of the City of Nowthen.
- **Running Fires** – Running fires require DNR and local Fire Department approval
- **Prohibited Open Burning** – Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous may be revoked by a fire official.
- **Permit Revocation** – The City of Nowthen, Nowthen Fire Department and Sheriff's Office shall have the power and duty to enforce the provisions within this policy and are required to extinguish any recreational fire that is not following the requirements of this policy.

This policy does not apply to barbecue grills, incinerators, barbecue pits or any other appliance or burning otherwise specifically regulated by the Minnesota state Fire Code.