

Nowthen Open Burning Permit

Burn Site Location:			Burning Permit Conditions/Requirements: This permit is ONLY valid for trees, brush, leaves, clean unpainted lumber, or other dry vegetative material. Permits are not required for piles smaller than 3' x 3' or when there is 3+ inches of snow on the ground. The MAX burn pile size is 15' x 15'. PILED BURNING MATERIAL (Required. Select All that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Trees <input type="checkbox"/> Brush <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Clean unpainted lumber <input type="checkbox"/> Grass clippings Pile size in feet: _____ (15' x 15' Max)
Address: (Required)			
City:	State: MN	Zip:	
Phone Number: (where you can be reached while burning)			
Permittee Information: (Must be 18 or older)			
Name: (Required)			
Address: Check if same as Burn Site			
City:	State: MN	Zip:	
Email Address: (Required. You will receive an email to confirm your permit request)			

Permit Start Date: _____

Permit End Date: _____ (Permit is valid for 3 days)

I agree:

- To keep this fire under control and to assume responsibility for all damages and costs that may result from burning done under this permit.
- To attend this fire until completely extinguished.
- To have this permit available at the burn site for inspection.
- Not to burn if there is a practical alternative method for disposal such as chipping, composting or recycling.
- To use a clean burning device to start the fire.
- Not to conduct burning during any air quality alert.
- Not to burn prohibited materials listed.
- To extinguish the fire immediately if this permit is revoked.
- That this permit fire will not be allowed to smolder without flame.
- That I will abide by all MN statutes and local ordinances pertaining to open burning.

This permit is for open burning as allowed and specified in Minnesota Statutes (M.S. 88.16) and local ordinances. The permittee is granted permission to burn the above described materials at the specified location(s) during the conditions listed above. I attest, by my signature, that I have read the details of this permit and will comply with the conditions of, and any attachments to this permit; and that I am the landowner or have the written permission of the landowner to burn at the above burn site location; and that I will activate this permit each day prior to ignition. Violations of permit conditions may subject Permittee to criminal and/or civil actions. Permit must be in your possession when burning.

Permittee Signature:	Date:	Approving Authority Signature:	Date:
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UNDER M.S. 88.171, PROHIBITED MATERIALS INCLUDE (but are not limited to):

garbage, mattresses, furniture, household items, paper, cardboard, oils, rubber, plastics, tires and chemically treated materials such as railroad ties, treated lumber, composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheet rock, wiring, paint, hazardous and industrial solid waste.

I agree to follow the general requirements: *Permittee Initials*

- ✓ The **MAX** burn pile size is 15' x 15'. By keeping piles small in size, clean of soil, and well-spaced, you will be able to more efficiently control the amount of debris that is burning at any one time.
- ✓ Only 1 pile can be burned at a time so that it can be adequately supervised.
- ✓ Have a water supply available and a means of dispensing it.
- ✓ No open burning shall be conducted within 50 feet of the residence of another person, without his or her written permission.
- ✓ Piles should be sufficiently spaced and away from surrounding vegetation so that the potential for radiant heat to ignite and spread the fire is eliminated. You should be able to comfortably stand between the burning pile and any structure.
- ✓ Under no circumstances should any organic soil (peat) be allowed to ignite.
- ✓ When you think burning is complete, examine the ashes. Touch them to make sure they are cold. Use water as necessary to make sure it is out and cannot reignite. Fires are not allowed to smolder without flames.
- ✓ Prevailing wind must be away from nearby occupied buildings, public roads, airports, and landing strips.
- ✓ Smoke must not be a hazard to the public.
- ✓ Burning is prohibited below the ordinary high-water mark of public waters except for agricultural operations or for the purposes of managing forests, prairies, or wildlife habitat.

Minnesota DNR burning permits **ONLY** allow the burning of clean vegetative matter. This means unpainted, unstained and untreated wood, brush, leaves, branches, logs and grass clippings.

Permits **DO NOT** allow the burning of:

- Painted or treated wood
- Paper or Cardboard
- Plastic
- Garbage

Why does this matter?

Burning garbage or treated materials (including mattresses, furniture, and other household items) releases toxins that contaminate our air, water and soil. These toxins can cause serious health problems including cancer.

Is this a new concern?

No, household garbage burning has been illegal in Minnesota since 1969. New reports show that backyard garbage burning is now the LARGEST source of deadly dioxins in the United States.

Dispose of your garbage the safe way!

- Recycle or reuse
- Compost or chip yard waste
- Use garbage services

If you are burning garbage, you may be making poison.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, AND COMPOST