



City of Nowthen
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OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

General Requirements:

These regulations include open burning for fires larger than three (3) feet in diameter. This policy does not apply to barbeque grills, incinerators, barbeque pits or any other appliance or burning otherwise specifically regulated by the Minnesota state Fire Code.

- Permit – A permit shall be submitted by the one controlling the fire. It shall be complete and describe the type of burn that is intended. The permit shall remain on site with the attendant at all times.
- Size and number of piles – Burn pile size is 15'x15' maximum. Only one pile can be burned at a time.
- Materials – Burning permits only allow the burning of clean vegetative material: grass, leaves, brush and untreated lumber. **Open burning of rubbish, treated construction material, furniture, hazardous wastes and plastics is prohibited.**
- 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.
- 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 is needed for all open burning permits. The only exception is if the permit applicant has heavy equipment to extinguish.
- Attendance – Every recreational fire shall be constantly attended by a competent person 18 years of age or older and the fire shall be completely extinguished by them before leaving the fire unattended.
- Hours – Open burning permits will be approved in accordance to the DNR regulations at the time of the permit issuance. The City of Nowthen has to rights to revoke a permit if the weather conditions are not favorable to burn.
- Wind Condition – Recreational Fires shall not be conducted if wind conditions exceed ten (10) mph.
- 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.