

# Guide to Recreational Fires

*in the City of International Falls*



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## City Ordinance Section 10-31 Addresses Recreational Fires

### RECREATIONAL FIRES

A *Recreational Fire* is defined as an outdoor fire that burns cleaned dry fire wood that is not contained within an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill, or barbeque pit.

Common uses are for cooking, pleasure, warmth, or similar purposes.

#### APPROVED RECREATIONAL FIRE RINGS



Fire rings shall be no more than three (3) feet in diameter with a maximum flame height of three (3) feet high.

- Only clean, dry firewood may be burned, with a minimum of one-inch diameter.
- No brush, yard, building, household waste, or treated wood may be burned.
- The fire must be located on the owner's own property and a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from all property lines.
- Fires are not allowed if winds are in excess of fifteen (15) mph.
- Recreational Fires shall not be constructed within twenty-five (25) feet of any structure.
- All Recreational Fires must follow City Burning Guidelines (*see back of brochure*).





Outdoor Fireplace with Chimney



Portable Outdoor Fireplace

## PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

*Portable Outdoor Fireplaces* are solid fuel-burning devices that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other noncombustible material that are often open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- They shall not be operated within fifteen (15) feet of a structure, combustible materials, and property lines.
- All users of Portable Outdoor Fireplaces must follow City Burning Guidelines (*see back of brochure*).





## PORTABLE OUTDOOR GAS FIRED HEATING

*Portable Outdoor Gas Fired Heating Appliances* shall be listed and approved by UL or ASTM standards and installed as per manufacturers' directions.



- Portable gas fired heating appliances shall be located at least five (5) feet from property line, buildings, and combustibles.
- Outdoor use only, no use under canopy or tents, canopies, and membrane structures or exterior balconies.
- All Portable Outdoor Gas Fired Heating Appliance users must follow City Burning Guidelines (*see back of brochure*).

# **Regulations for Recreational Fires, Outdoor Fireplaces, and Outdoor Gas Fired Heating Appliances**

-  Burning will be allowed from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. (Midnight) any day of the week, with a maximum of six (6) hours for any fire on any given day of the week.
-  All fires and use of devices recognized by City Ordinance Section 10-31 shall be constantly attended by an adult person and an adult attendant supervises the fire until the fire has been completely extinguished or terminated. Any means of controlling the fire must be available at all times (buckets, shovels, and garden hoses, for example).
-  Any police or fire officer may withdraw permission for the fires, due to climatic conditions, extreme dryness, nuisance problems, including offensive odor or smoke in the neighborhood, or violations of the guidelines.
-  A person violating any recreational fire provisions of this section subject to an administrative fine of \$100.00. A second violation within 12 months of a previous violation is subject to an administrative citation with a penalty of two times (2X) the previously imposed penalty. All costs incurred as a result of the burn including, but not limited to, fire suppression, administrative fees, property damage and personal injuries will be the responsibility of the adult in charge or the homeowner

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