

SHAKOPEE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Shakopee City Code 10.29

Definition

1. **Recreational Fire** is the burning of materials other than rubbish for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and where the total fuel area is three (3) feet or less in diameter and three (3) feet or less in height.
2. **Rubbish** is waste material including, but not limited to, garbage, waste paper, leaves, grass, yard and garden waste, debris from construction or demolition, hazardous materials, oils, rubber, plastic, chemically treated materials or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke.

General Requirements

1. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a single or multi-family residential structure or any commercial structure unless contained in an outdoor fireplace constructed of non-combustible materials containing a base supported by a minimum of three (3) legs, a wire mesh screen on all sides and a lid. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
2. An outdoor fireplace as defined above shall not be used within 15 feet of a single or multi-family structure or commercial structure.
3. Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
4. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment. An attendant shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been extinguished.
5. Any member of the Shakopee Fire Prevention Bureau, Officer of the Shakopee Fire Department, Minnesota DNR, Shakopee Police Department or Scott County Sheriff Department is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to constitute a hazardous or nuisance condition.
6. Recreational fires will not be allowed if a total burning ban is in effect.
7. Maximum wind speed including gusts must not exceed 15 MPH.
8. The prevailing winds must be away from occupied structures.

Violations

Violations of this policy are punishable as a misdemeanor in accordance with Section 10.29 Subd. 6 of the Shakopee City Code.