

Safety with Your Recreational Fires

Warming by a fire in our own yards is a privilege residents in the cities of Spring Lake Park, Blaine and Mounds View get to enjoy. Enjoy campfires in the crisp fall air with these safety conditions kept in mind:

Recreational fires are permitted under the following conditions:

- Burning of lumber, pallets, wooden shingles, scrap wood, brush, tree trimmings, leaves, yard waste, cardboard, paper, garbage, and other similar items, is not permitted.
- Only natural firewood cut in short lengths less than two (2) feet may be burned. The fire must be contained in a manufactured freestanding fire pit or ring or pit not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter.
- All fire rings or pits must be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences. Manufactured freestanding fire pits must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences.
- The fire must be constantly attended and supervised by an adult until the fire has been completely extinguished.
- A connected garden hose or other means to extinguish the fire must be readily available.
- The use of flammable or combustible liquid accelerants is not permitted.
- Recreational fires are not permitted on windy days when the smoke may create a nuisance for neighbors.
- Recreational fires are not permitted on commercial or industrial sites, or sites with construction activities.
- Police and Fire Department officers are authorized to require that a recreational fire be immediately extinguished and discontinued if it is determined that the fire is not in compliance with the above rules, the smoke is offensive to neighbors, or the burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

Contact the Fire Department at **763-786-4436** if you have questions regarding recreational fires. If you see fires that are clearly in violation of these requirements dial 911 and a Duty Chief will be dispatched to the scene.