



Recreational Fires

Recreational fires, such as backyard wiener roasts, are allowed, although they must meet the guidelines imposed by state law as follows:

1. A recreational fire is not permitted when a burning bad or air quality alert is in effect.
2. A recreational fire is not allowed if winds exceed 15 miles per hour.
3. The recreational fire site shall have appropriate communication (cell phone) and adequate fire suppression equipment (charged hose, filled water buckets) available.
4. The recreational fire shall be attended to at all times by an adult. No fire may ever be allowed to smolder.
5. Smoke from a recreational fire may not unreasonably impact neighboring property owners, as determined by the enforcement official.
6. The maximum size of this fire shall be 3 feet in diameter. Flames no higher than 2 feet.
7. To extinguish this fire immediately upon request by the Dakota County Sheriff, Farmington Police or Fire Department.
8. The minimum distance from a structure shall be (25') feet, (6') feet from property line.
9. Daily hours permitted for burning are 6:00 AM to MIDNIGHT.
10. The fire pit must be located in the backyard area.
11. The fire pit should be a permanent structure. Portable/movable fire pits are strongly discouraged.

Prohibited Materials:

1. No person shall conduct, cause, or permit the open burning, or use in a recreational fire, oil, petroleum fuels, rubber, plastic, chemically treated materials, or other materials that produce excessive or noxious smoke such as, but not limited to: tires, railroad ties; treated, painted, or glued wood composite shingles; tar paper; insulation; composition board; sheet rock; wiring; or paint and paint filters.
2. No person shall conduct, cause, or permit the open burning of hazardous waste or materials from salvage operations; solid waste generated from an industrial or manufactured process; materials from a service or commercial establishment; or building materials generated from demolition of commercial or institutional structures.
3. No person shall conduct, cause, or permit the open burning of discarded materials resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, service, or consumption of food.
4. No person shall conduct, cause, or permit the open burning of any leaves, brush, or grass clippings.

Violations of this may subject permitted to criminal and/or civil actions.