



Fire Department

RECREATIONAL FIRES WITHIN OWATONNA CITY LIMITS

Recreational fires may be held without any permit, providing the following requirements and prohibitions are followed:

- Fires may be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height, and contained within a pit or device designed for such use. Fires must be at least 25 feet away from all buildings or combustible materials.
- Fires must not be allowed to smolder with no flame present.
- Fires must be attended at all times by a person who is capable of quickly extinguishing the fire if it starts to get out of control.
- A fire extinguisher, shovel, garden hose or a pail of water must be readily available for extinguishing the fire.
- Only unpainted and untreated wood, coal, or charcoal may be burned.
- Be aware of very dry and high wind conditions, which might render the fire unsafe to burn.
- Refuse, trash, garbage, rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials, tires, railroad ties, shingles, tar paper, insulation, sheetrock, wiring, paint filters, hazardous waste, industrial solid waste, demolition debris from commercial or institutional structures, oil, motor vehicle parts and other similar materials shall not be burned in a recreational fire.
- Fire officials, police officials, or DNR officers are authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to constitute a hazardous condition and/or violate any of the above conditions. Officials may require that the recreational fire be extinguished if someone complains about the smoke.