

# ANOKA-CHAMPLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## RULES FOR OUTDOOR FIREPLACE BURNING IN THE CITIES OF ANOKA AND CHAMPLIN

The City ordinance allows residents to burn in an outdoor fireplace. Following are what the ordinance states:

### DEFINITION:

The fire must be contained in a fireplace, some type of ring, stones or a pit being dug in to hold the fire in its area. The fire shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter and the flame shall not exceed 2 feet in height. The fire must be at least 15 ft. away from any structure or property line, or combustible material. The purpose of a recreational fire is for recreation or campfire. The fire must be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment, and an attendant must supervise the fire until the fire has been totally extinguished.

### HOURS:

Burning shall be allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight during any day of the week.

### WHAT CAN BE BURNED:

Only clean wood or charcoal may be burned. No burning of trash, leaves or brush is allowed. Only approved starter fluids may be used to ignite the fire.

### WHAT CANNOT BE BURNED:

Demolition debris, cardboard, industrial solid waste, hazardous materials, oil, rubber, plastic, railroad ties, shingles, tarpaper, insulation, composition boards, sheetrock, no wiring, painted materials or paint filters, garbage, chemically treated wood or other materials that would give off a toxic smoke irritant to nearby residents. It must be clean material only.

### FAILURE TO EXTINGUISH A FIRE:

A person who starts and fails to control or extinguish a fire, whether on owners' property or on the property of others, before the fire endangers or causes damage to the property of another person or the State, is guilty of a misdemeanor and that person is responsible for the repair and cost of other peoples property.

**Recreational fires can be cancelled or terminated upon the decision of the Fire Chief or designated fire officer for too strong of a wind, too dry of conditions or of a smog alert in the area.**

**Recreational fires can also be terminated if the are complaints from nearby citizens of the smoke and irritants going into their personal residence and causing hardship upon the individuals for medical reasons.**