



General Requirements

These regulations include open burning for fires larger than three (3) feet in diameter and wildland clearing such as grass, weeds, marsh, prairie grass, etc. This policy does not apply to barbecue grills, incinerators, barbecue pits, or any other appliance or burning otherwise specifically regulated by the Minnesota State Fire Code.

- **Permit** – A permit shall be submitted by the one controlling the fire. It shall be complete and describe the type of burn that is intended. The permit shall remain on site with the attendant at all times.
- **Inspection** – A site inspection is required by a fire official for ALL open burning requests.
- **Size** – The size of the fire will be determined by the Fire Official who conducts the inspection based on the fire load, ground cover, closest structure(s), means of extinguishing, fire department access, etc.
- **Location** – Open Burning is ***prohibited*** in areas zoned as commercial within the City of Ramsey.
- **Materials** – Only unpainted wood, which has not been treated with chemicals or preservatives, coal or charcoal may be burned. ***Open burning of rubbish, construction material, furniture, or leaves is prohibited.***
- **Wildland Management** – Material such as grass, weeds, cattails, marsh, prairie grass, and similar are not allowed to be burned during local or state burning bans. ***All variances will be approved or disapproved by the Fire Chief of the City of Ramsey.***
- **Prohibited Open Burning** – Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous may be revoked by a fire official.
- **Means of ignition** – Fuel oil, gasoline or similar flammable/combustible liquids are prohibited to ignite a fire. The fire should be ignited using an open flame and paper or kindling.
- **Fire Extinguishing Equipment** – A water source is needed for all open burning permits. The only exception is if the permit applicant has heavy equipment to extinguish.
- **Attendance** – Every recreational fire shall be constantly attended by a competent person 18 years of age or older, and they shall completely extinguish the fire before leaving it unattended.
- **Hours** – Open burning permits will be approved for fifteen (15) days. The Fire Chief or Fire Marshal can authorize an extension.
- **Wind Condition** – Recreational Fires shall not be conducted if wind conditions exceed ten (10) mph.
- **Permit Revocation** – The City of Ramsey Fire and Police Departments shall have the power and duty to enforce the provisions within this policy and are required to extinguish any recreational fire that does not follow the requirements of this policy.