

CITY OF MINOT

RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINES

A **Recreational fire** is an outdoor fire burning material other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not in a contained incinerator, permanent outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or pit, and is used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. A recreational fire has a maximum fuel area of 3 ft. or less, in diameter by 2 ft. or less, in height. A permit issued by the Minot Fire Department is required for fires of larger size or other uses.

Guidelines for Conducting Recreational Fires:

1. A recreational fire shall not be located within 25 ft. of any structures.
2. Conditions such as dry grass, leaves or combustible materials that will cause a fire to spread within 25 ft. of a structure needs to be eliminated prior to ignition.
3. Recreational fires are not allowed when the rangeland fire danger index is in the Very High, Extreme, or Red Flag Warning category, **OR** during a declared fire ban/restriction. (You can find this information on the City of Minot Website, www.minotnd.gov under Can I burn today?)
4. Only untreated wood with a recommended diameter of at least 1 in. may be burned. No brush, yard waste, or rubbish is allowed to be burned in a recreational fire.
5. Recreational fires must be located on private property or have approval from all involved parties and are not allowed in easements or right of ways.
6. A cellular or portable phone or means of reporting an emergency must be available for use at all times.
7. Recreational fires are not allowed in winds in excess of 15 miles per hour as determined by the Weather Channel.
8. Recreational fires must be attended until extinguished and a garden hose, dirt, water barrel, fire extinguisher or other means of controlling and extinguishing the fire needs to be available for immediate utilization.
9. Recommended hours for conducting recreational fires are 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. (midnight)
10. Any Fire or Police Officer may withdraw permission to conduct a recreational fire due to climatic conditions such as extreme dryness, nuisance problems, or violations of these guidelines.
11. Fires in approved UL listed containers such as outdoor portable fireplaces need to be equipped with screens and must be located a minimum of 15 ft. from structures or combustible materials with all other guidelines applying to these types of fires.
12. Cooking devices utilizing charcoal or LP (propane) are to be located a minimum of 10 ft. from combustible construction with the exception of 1(one) and 2 (two) family dwellings and this use may be restricted during a declared fire ban.

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