



BROOKLYN PARK
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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RECREATIONAL FIRES

The 2006 edition of the International Fire Code and City Ordinance (Chapter 93.26, Subsection 307.2) defines Recreational Fires as:

"An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914mm) or less and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes."

Regulations for recreational fires as set forth by the Brooklyn Park Fire Department shall be as follows:

- 1. Fuel area shall be a maximum of three (3) feet in diameter.**
- 2. Flames shall be a maximum of two (2) feet above ground level.**
- 3. Fire pits shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from buildings.**
- 4. Fires in an approved container shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from structures**
- 5. Above ground fire pits and chimineas are considered as approved containers.**
- 6. No flammable liquids are allowed to start or maintain fire.**
- 7. Burn only charcoal or clean wood (no stained, painted, varnished, or chemically treated wood). Leaves, grass or other items that will produce heavy smoke shall not be burned.**
- 8. Person or persons shall be present to supervise the fire until such fire has been extinguished.**
- 9. Water source for extinguishment or fire extinguisher must be available near pit.**

Burn will be halted at police or fire officer's discretion for violation of any regulation. A citation may be issued which could lead to a fine of up to \$1000 and a mandatory court appearance.

The Fire Department strongly suggests you follow the manufacturer's recommendations when using any above-ground fire pit or chiminea.