

# RECREATIONAL FIRES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the cost for a recreational fire permit?

A \$35 non-refundable payment is required when submitting a recreational fire permit application.

### When will my permit be effective?

All recreational fire permits are reviewed by the Fire Department and become effective once applicant receives permit application back in the mail acknowledging approval (may take up to 2 weeks). The recreational fire permit must be readily available and produced when requested by a Fire Official or Peace Officer.

### During what hours are recreational fires allowed?

Fires shall not start before 9:00 a.m. and must be extinguished by 11:00 p.m. (Recreational fires are not allowed when the DNR or Robbinsdale Fire Department has issued a burning ban, or air quality alert is declared by the MPCA.)

### Where can the fire pit be located?

Recreational fires must be on private property and shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure (i.e., garage, house, shed), fence, deck, roof, or combustible materials. (All applications must include a site drawing identifying distances to structures.)

### What type of fire pit is allowed?

A commercially manufactured fireplace/pit is allowed. Chiminea or ceramic/clay fire pits are prohibited. See examples below.

Not Allowed



Allowed



Allowed with a 3-foot non-combustible base



Allowed



**The area within a six-foot radius around the fire pit shall be reasonably clear of all combustibles.**

**Note:** Mobile cooking devices such as manufactured charcoal or gas/propane grills, wood smokers or natural gas freestanding fire pits are not defined as recreational fire and **DO NOT NEED A PERMIT**. See examples below.



Natural gas or propane fire pit

### OTHER NOTABLE CONDITIONS:

Only clean, dry firewood shall be used for recreational fires. Oils, rubber, shingles, painted or treated lumber, leaves, trash or garbage shall not be burned or used as starting materials.

Flames shall not exceed 2 feet above base of fire.

A fire-ring/pit shall be constructed with burning a maximum of three-feet in diameter, a maximum of three feet high, a minimum of one-foot deep and shall have a rock or block border.

The prevailing wind at the time of the fire shall not exceed 10 mph and shall not direct smoke toward other nearby residences.

For more information call the Robbinsdale Fire Department at 763-531-1236.