



City of Mendota Heights

Mendota Heights Fire Department

RECREATIONAL FIRES

On January 20, 1998, the Mendota Heights City Council passed an ordinance change regarding recreational fire permits.

In July 2003, the City of Mendota Heights evaluated a rule change on recreational fires that would no longer require you to call in your recreational fire before you start one. This change is being tested for one year.

You may now have a recreational fire without obtaining a permit from the City of Mendota Heights. **You must still comply with the following regulations:**

Hours - Fires shall be extinguished within three hours after start, but not later than 11:00 P.M.

Fuels - Clean and dry wood only (no refuse, grass, leaves, logs over 3" in diameter, paper, garbage, or other combustibles).

Size - Size shall not be more than three (3) feet in diameter, nor shall the flames reach a height in excess of three (3) feet.

Location - No fire shall be within twenty (20) feet of any building or structure.

Winds - No fire shall be started or maintained in dry conditions or winds over 15 MPH.

Extinguishment - A means of extinguishment must be in the immediate area of the fire.

Attendance - Recreational fires must be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire has been completely extinguished.

Prohibit - The Fire Chief or his representative have the authority to prohibit, suspend, or further restrict all fires should atmospheric, drought, wind, state, local circumstance or conditions warrant or dictate such action.

Violation - Violation of any of these regulations is a misdemeanor and may result in a citation being issued.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, call the Fire Marshal at 651-452-1850.