

MINOT FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Outdoor and Open Burning Rules & Regulations

REQUIREMENTS

1. Open Burning

- a. You must be the landowner to obtain a permit. If you are not, written permission from the landowner must be submitted to the fire department if requested.
- b. You must be 18 years of age to obtain a written fire permit.
- c. Permitted fires shall not be within 50 ft. (15m) of any structure.
- d. Permitted fires shall not be within 25 ft. (7.6m) of any public way.
- e. Materials that could lead to the spread of a fire within 25 ft. (7.6m) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- f. Burning hours shall be determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). For the purposes of this document the Minot Fire Department, or its agents, will be considered the AHJ.
- g. Open fires and cooking fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have fire-extinguishing equipment readily available for use.
 - i. Examples of fire extinguishing equipment include but are not limited to a garden hose connected to a water supply, shovels, rakes, etc.
- h. The open burning site shall be clear of overhead vegetation.
- i. The fire **must** be attended by a competent adult **at all times** while material is burning. The fire **must** be **completely extinguished** if no one is present to attend.
- j. When there is a dry spell or weather conditions that could affect open burning, the AHJ will have the authority to cancel all open burning.

2. Burning where no permit is required

- a. No permit is required for the use of a gas grill, charcoal grill, or hibachi. Grills will not be used in an area where there are roofs or floors above them and shall be spaced a minimum of 10 ft. away from any combustibles. They will not be located in the path of egresses or exit ways.
- b. No permit is required for the use of recreational campfires kindled when the ground is covered by snow.
- c. No permit is required for the use of outside fireplaces and/or fire pits, as long as they are used for warming and/or cooking.
- d. Recreational fires shall not be located within 25' (7.6 m) of a structure or combustible material unless contained in an approved manner.
- e. Purchased above ground fire pits shall be installed per the manufacture's installation requirements.
- f. All outside fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished.

3. Prohibited Items that cannot be burned with or without a Burning Permit

a. Prohibited items include but are not limited to:

- i. Painted or treated wood
- ii. Tires
- iii. Rubber products
- iv. Tar
- v. Paint or solvents sludge
- vi. Asphalt shingles
- vii. Rubbish or refuse
- viii. Garbage
- ix. Paper, cardboard or wooden boxes
- x. Leaves
- xi. Wire insulation
- xii. Animal remains

Fires that create a nuisance or are considered dangerous by fire Department staff, will be extinguished and the permit for that day be revoked.