

# **RECREATIONAL FIRES**

## **General Requirements**

1. A recreational fire is the burning of materials other than rubbish for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and with a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 3 feet or less in height.
2. Rubbish is waste material including, but not limited to, garbage, waste paper, leaves, grass, debris from construction or demolition, hazardous materials, oils, rubbers, plastics, chemically treated materials and other materials, which produce excessive or noxious smoke.

## **Specific Requirements**

1. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials unless contained in an approved barbecue pit constructed of concrete or other approved noncombustible material. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
2. Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
3. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment. An attendant shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been extinguished.
4. Any officer of the Le Sueur Fire Department, Minnesota DNR, Le Sueur Police Department or Le Sueur Sheriff Department is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined to constitute a hazardous or nuisance condition.
5. Recreational fires will not be allowed if a total burning ban is in effect.
6. Maximum wind speed including gusts must not exceed 10 MPH.
7. The prevailing winds must be away from occupied structures.