



Outdoor Burning Rules

Outdoor burning is allowed in accordance with the City of White Bear Lake Outdoor Burning Regulations with a permit issued by the Fire Department. The following rules must be followed when conducting an open burn.

1. **Permit** - A permit shall be submitted by the one controlling the fire. It shall be complete and describe the type of burn that is intended. The permit shall remain on site at all times.
2. **Notification** - Prior to burning, the one controlling the fire must notify the White Bear Lake Fire Department at 651-429-8568 and Ramsey County Dispatch Center at 651-266-7702. Also, they must check with the DNR for any burning bans that may be in effect.
3. **Prohibited Material** - Open burning of lumber, pallets, wooden shingles, scrap wood, yard waste, cardboard, paper, garbage, treated or painted wood, plastic, rubber and other similar items, **is not permitted**.
4. **Location** - Location of burn shall not be less than 50' from any structure and provisions must be made to prevent fire from spreading to within 50' of structures.
5. **Prohibited Open Burning** – Open burning that is offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or current local circumstances make such fire hazardous may be revoked by a fire official.
6. **Means of ignition** – The use of fuel oil, gasoline or similar flammable/combustible liquids is prohibited to ignite a fire. The fire should be ignited using an open flame, paper, and/or kindling.
7. **Attendance** – Every fire shall be constantly attended by a competent person age 18 or older and the fire shall be completely extinguished before leaving the fire unattended.
8. **Fire Extinguishing Equipment** – A water source is needed for all open burning permits. The only exception is if the permit applicant has heavy equipment to extinguish the fire.
9. **Wind Condition** – Winds must be less than 10 miles per hour to conduct an open burn.
10. **Permit Revocation** – The White Bear Lake Fire Department shall have the power and duty to enforce these regulations and are required to extinguish any burn that is not in compliance with the regulations of the permit.

If you have any questions, please call (651) 429-8568