



**CITY OF SAINT PAUL**  
**Department of Safety & Inspections**  
**Fire Safety Inspection Division**

**OPEN BURNING REQUIREMENTS**

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**Open burning is permitted under the following conditions:**

**OPEN BURNING**

1. **Open Burning requires a fire permit from the Saint Paul DSI Fire Inspection Division.**
2. Open Burning can be used for disposal, except that paper products and materials that may produce obnoxious smoke and odors cannot be burned.
3. Prior to ignition, the Fire Department must be notified at 651-266-7702.
4. Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a building or other combustible materials.
5. Open Burning may be conducted within 25 feet of a building or other combustible material if the pile size is no more that 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
6. Open Burning may be conducted within 15 feet of a building or other combustible materials if the burning takes place solely within an approved burning appliance.
7. Any conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 50 feet of a building shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
8. The means shall be provided to extinguish the fire. This includes buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a minimum 4A fire extinguisher.
9. Fires shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment provided.
10. Fires shall not be ignited if the wind speed is 10 mph or more.
11. The fire department may order the fire to be discontinued if, in their opinion, the fire constitutes a hazardous condition or produces obnoxious smoke or odors that may cause a public nuisance.

**For permits or questions, please call us at 651-266-8989.**