

Leaf Burning Rules

The burning of leaves will only be permitted under the following conditions:

- Burning of leaves will be permitted October 1-November 15 only.
- A responsible person shall be in constant attendance until the fire is completely extinguished.
- Burning will only be allowed between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. All fires are to be extinguished by 8:00 pm.
- Such fires shall not be less than 5 feet from any property line.
- The burning of leaves is prohibited on city streets, alleys, sidewalks, boulevards, riverbanks, or any public property by private citizens.
- No open burning of leaves shall take place during an air pollution alert warning or emergency declared by the Minnesota Environmental Protection Agency.
- The City Council may temporarily discontinue burning between October 1 and November 15 due to unsafe conditions (i.e. excessive dryness, etc.).
- At the City Council's discretion, the last day of burning may be extended through December 1.
- These rules only apply to the burning of leaves. Any burning of rubbish, trash, or other material is prohibited.
- If complaints are received from your fire, the Fire Department or Police Department are authorized to require that burning be discontinued if it is determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, if it is determined to be a fire hazard, or if any of the safety guidelines are not followed.

Recreational Fires

- Recreational fires are allowed in the City of Thief River Falls with the following rules to be followed.
- A recreational fire is intended for your enjoyment, cooking or warming food.
- Burning **shall not** be used for the purpose of disposal of rubbish, trash or combustible waste materials.
- Only clean burning wood is allowed, no treated, painted or glued wood or particleboard is allowed.
- Size of the pile is limited to 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- Recreational fires must be a minimum of 25 feet from combustibles, i.e. dwellings and structures, decks, fences, etc. The fire may not extend beyond the property boundaries.
- A responsible adult must be present during the burning and **constantly** attend the fire until it is completely extinguished when through.
- The person supervising the fire must be knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment and have something close by to extinguish a fire that gets out of hand (garden hose, sand, fire extinguisher).
- Please respect weather conditions, neighbors, burning bans and air quality.
- A recreational fire does not relieve the person from liability due to damage resulting from the fire or smoke.
- If complaints are received from your fire, the Fire Department or Police Department are authorized to require that burning be discontinued if it is determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, if it is determined to be a fire hazard, or if any of the safety guidelines are not followed.

Sit back, relax, enjoy and above all do it in a safe manner.

Call the Fire Department before starting your fire at (218) 681-3943