

Burn Permits

*****permit must be activated the day before you plan to burn, so plan ahead...*****

You may obtain a permit in three ways:

1. Any DNR forestry office
2. Any fire warden. (Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office 24/7)
3. Purchase a burning permit online at the MN DNR website.

***(If the DNR site is not issuing permits online, you must obtain a permit from a fire warden or the County Sheriff's office.)

You need an open burning permit when:

- When the fire is more than 3 feet high and 3 feet in diameter.
- When the ground is not completely covered by a minimum of 3 inches of snow.
- When the fire is not contained in either an approved burner or in a cooking or heating device such as charcoal grill or camp stove.
- Where county or other local jurisdiction requires a burning permit year-round or for all sizes of fires.

A permit is not needed:

- for a "campfire"—a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes, which is not more than 3 feet in diameter by 3 feet high, and has had the ground 5 feet from the base of the fire cleared of all combustible material, or
- when the ground is snow-covered — by definition, when there is a continuous unbroken cover of snow 3 inches deep or more surrounding the immediate area of the fire, sufficient to keep the fire from spreading, or
- for a fire contained in a charcoal grill, camp stove, or other device designed for cooking or heating, or
- for a fire in an approved burner
(<http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/wildfire/burnbarrel.pdf>),
- and there is no combustible material within 5 feet of the base of the burner, and it is in use between the 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.