CITY OF RUSHFORD OPEN BURNING PERMIT

Permit Start Date: __/__/__ Permit Valid through __/__/__ Daily Hours: to Midnight

Burn Site Location in Yard

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____ Portable Pit
____ Permanent Pit or Ring
____ Other_____

Permittee Information:

Name:		
Street Address:	Phone:	
City:	State:	Zip:

Burning Permit Conditions/Requirements:

This permit only valid for trees, brush, leaves, clean unpainted lumber or other dry vegetative material.

___PILED *(Circle fuel)*
Trees/Brush/Leaves/Clean unpainted lumber/
Other dry vegetative material: _____(write in)
Piles:_____ Pile size in feet: _____

___RUNNING FIRE*(Circle fuel)* Trees/Brush/Leaves/Grass

__X_Special conditions

New Permit Fee $10.00
Renewal Permit Fee $ 5.00

Questions: Call City Hall 507-864-2444

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- To keep this fire under control and to assume responsibility for all damages and costs that may result from burning done under this permit.
- To attend this fire until completely extinguished.
- To have this permit available at the burn site for inspection.
- Not to burn if there is a practical alternative method for disposal of the material such as chipping, composting or recycling.
- To use a clean burning device to start the fire.
- Not to conduct burning during any air quality alert.
- Not to burn prohibited materials listed below unless authorized under Minnesota Statutes.
- To extinguish the fire immediately if this permit is revoked.
- That this permit fire will not be allowed to smolder without flame
- That I will abide by all MN statutes and local ordinances pertaining to open burning.

Requirements (unless stated otherwise in special conditions above):

- Prevailing wind must be away from nearby occupied buildings, public roads, airports, and landing strips;
- Smoke must not be a hazard to the public;
- Permittee must be at least 18 years of age;
- Burning is prohibited below the ordinary high water mark of public waters except for agricultural operations or for the purposes of managing forests, prairies or wildlife habitat;
- No open burning shall be conducted within 50 feet of a residence of another person, without his or her written permission.

This permit is for open burning as allowed and specified in Minnesota Statutes (M.S. 88.16) and local ordinances. The permittee is granted permission to burn the above described materials at the specified location(s) during the conditions listed above. I attest, by my signature, that I have read the details of this permit and will comply with the conditions of, and any attachments to this permit; and that I am the landowner or have the written permission of the landowner to burn at the above burn site location; and that I will activate this permit each day prior to ignition. Violations of permit conditions may subject Permittee to criminal and/or civil actions. Permit must be in your possession when burning.

UNDER M.S. 88.171, PROHIBITED MATERIALS INCLUDE (but are not limited to):
garbage, oils, rubber, plastics, tires and chemically treated materials such as railroad ties, treated lumber, composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheet rock, wiring, paint, hazardous and industrial solid waste.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, AND COMPOST

Permittee Signature:	Date:	Approving Authority Signature:	Date:

General Recommendations:

- ✓ Have a water supply available and a means of dispensing it.
- ✓ Fire area should be sufficiently spaced and away from surrounding vegetation so that the potential for radiant heat to ignite and spread the fire is eliminated. You should be able to comfortably stand between the burning pile and any structure.
- ✓ Under no circumstances should any organic soils (peat) be allowed to ignite.
- ✓ When you think burning is complete, examine the ashes. Touch them to make sure they are cold. Use water as necessary to make sure it is out and cannot reignite.

Minnesota DNR burning permits only allow the burning of clean vegetative matter.
This means unpainted, unstained and untreated wood and brush.

Unless restricted by local ordinances, you may also burn:

- Leaves
- Grass clippings

Permits DO NOT allow the burning of:

- Painted wood or Paper
- Plastic or other prohibited materials
- Garbage

Why does this matter?
Burning garbage or treated materials releases toxins that contaminate our air, water and soil. These toxins can cause serious health problems including cancer.

Is this a new concern?
No, household garbage burning has been illegal in Minnesota since 1969. New reports show that backyard garbage burning is now the LARGEST source of deadly dioxins in the United States.

Dispose of your garbage the safe way!

- Recycle or reuse
- Compost or chip yard waste
- Use garbage services

If you are burning garbage, you may be making poison.