



# CITY OF CORCORAN

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### **Open Burning / Burn Permit**

#### **82.37 PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

No person shall conduct, cause or permit open burning oils, petrol fuels, rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials, or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke such as tires, railroad ties, treated, painted or glued wood composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheet rock, wiring, paint or paint fillers.

No person shall conduct, cause or permit open burning of hazardous waste or salvage operations, open burning of solid waste generated from an industrial or manufacturing process or from a service or commercial establishment or building material generated from demolition of commercial or institutional structures.

No person shall conduct, cause or permit open burning of discarded material resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving or consumption of food.

#### **82.38 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING.**

No person shall start or allow any open burning on property in the city without first having obtained an open burn permit, except that a permit is not required for any fire, which is a recreational fire.

Open burning is not permitted in commercial or industrial zones.

#### **What is the purpose of the City Ordinance?**

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish permitted categories of open burn events for residences and farms within the city and provide for a permitting process for residential and agricultural open burning, except when the open burning is defined as a recreational fire as prescribed in this subchapter.

#### **Why is the City Ordinance important?**

The State of Minnesota has designated the Fire Chief, Police Chief and its Police Officers to act on behalf of the State as Fire Wardens. Thus are duly authorized to issue burning permits, inspect material to be burned prior to issuing permit if deemed necessary, order a fire to be extinguished when judgment deems necessary and to revoke permit.

The City of Corcoran has strong desire to protect this open burning privilege for its citizens, therefore takes burn permit process very seriously. Should the State of Minnesota revoke the City of Corcoran *Fire Warden* status, burn permits would be obtained from the DNR, St. Paul, MN.

#### **To whom does this City Ordinance apply?**

All residents and farmers who wish to have an open burn other than a recreational fire. Commercial and industrial zones of Corcoran are not eligible for open burn permits.

#### **What are the requirements of this City Ordinance?**

- Obtain Burn Permit from City of Corcoran (recreational fires do not require a burn permit)
- Review and follow “*Open Burning Permit Guidelines*” provided with burn permit.
- One hour prior to burning, call 651-772-7930 DNR recorded info line

● **OPEN BURNING** The burning of any matter if the resultant combustion products are emitted directly to the atmosphere without passing through a stack, duct or chimney, except a recreational fire as defined herein.

● **RECREATIONAL FIRE** A fire set with approved starter fuel no more than three feet in height, contained within the border of a recreational fire site using dry, clean wood; producing little detectable smoke, odor or soot beyond the property line; conducted with an adult tending the fire at all times; for recreational, ceremonial, food preparation for social purposes; extinguished completely before quitting the occasion; and respecting weather conditions, neighbors, burning bans and air quality so that nuisance, health or safety hazards will not be created. Mobile cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers, and propane or natural gas devices are not defined as RECREATIONAL FIRES. No more than one RECREATIONAL FIRE is allowed on any property at one time.

**When does this City Ordinance take effect?**

This City Ordinance was effective November 20, 2006.

**Where can the public get more information about this City Ordinance?**

Visit the City of Corcoran Website at [www.ci.corcoran.mn.us](http://www.ci.corcoran.mn.us) or call City Hall at 763-420-2288.