



RAPID CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

10 Main Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
(605) 394-4180

OPEN BURNING PERMIT

Under the provisions of the 2024 International Fire Code of the City of Rapid City, the Department authorizes

_____ to conduct: **Open Burning** **Bonfire**

(Name)

for the purpose of _____

(Description of fire permit use)

The burning will take place at _____

(Location)

Permit valid _____

(Date)

through _____

(Date)

Between the hours of _____

a.m./p.m. and _____

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Notifications

Prior to the commencement of open burning, the authorized holder of this permit shall make the following notifications:

- **Adjoining property owners or occupants, and/or other neighbors who may become alarmed at the sight or smell of an open fire in their vicinity.**
- **RCFD Battalion Chief at 605-394-4180.**
- **Fire Dispatch at 605-394-4139 (include your name, address, phone number and permit number.)**

(Signature)

(Date)

(Address)

(Phone Number)

APPROVAL

Permit # _____

Authorized By: _____

Application Date: _____

Date of Issue: _____

Open Burning

IFC 202 Open Burning Definition: The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudgepots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, recreational fires or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

Open burning of rubbish is prohibited.

Open burning shall only be performed when time and atmospheric conditions allow.

Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause the fire to spread shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Bonfire

IFC 202 Bonfire Definition: An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.

A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible materials.

Attendance

IFC 307.5 Attendance: Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires and use of outdoor portable fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

Discontinuance

The Fire Chief or his designee shall be authorized to require that the use of the appliance(s) be immediately discontinued if determined that the smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding properties, if local air quality is being adversely affected, or if the fire itself constitutes a hazardous condition.

The applicant may be liable for damages to property and for the cost of fire suppression in the event that the fire allowed under this permit spreads beyond the boundaries of the permitted area.