

## Recreational Fires

Burning Permits are NOT required for recreational fires defined as “An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, BBQ grill or BBQ pit and has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.”

- ◆ Burn materials are limited to dry, clean wood.
- ◆ Prohibited burn materials are: oils, rubber, plastics, treated, painted, stained or varnished wood, garbage, or construction waste.
- ◆ Recreational fires cannot be left unattended until the fire is completely extinguished.
- ◆ Extinguishing equipment must be on-site: a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck.

Recreational fires must be located a minimum of twenty-five feet from buildings or other combustible structures or materials.

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces, which are screened in, need to be located a minimum of fifteen feet from buildings or other combustible structures or materials.



## Lawn Irrigation Tips

### **Length of grass**

Keep grass at 3.5 inches in height to encourage deeper roots, shade the ground and retain more water. Aerate your lawn to help water infiltration.

### **How much water is needed**

Established lawns require only one inch of water per week, including rainfall. Overwatering is detrimental to the lawn, as it encourages shallow, weak roots, as well as fungal diseases. Place empty tuna cans around your yard to determine how much water your system puts out in a typical watering cycle. Adjust the time for each watering cycle to avoid excessive and wasteful watering.

### **How often should I water**

Infrequent, but deep watering cycles are best. Letting the upper layer of soil dry out between watering will help prevent weeds from sprouting and lead to a healthier lawn.

### **Best time to water**

Water in the early morning between 4:00 and 8:00 a.m. Afternoon evaporation requires more water to get the same amount of water into the soil. Early evening and night watering should be avoided. The lawn may remain wet longer, promoting lawn diseases and fungus.

### **More important tips**

At least once a month, observe your sprinklers while the system is running. Redirect your sprinkler heads to make sure that the sprinklers are not spraying into the street or on your driveway.

If it's raining, turn your sprinkler system OFF!

## Brush Pick-up

The Brush Pick-Up dates for the next three months will be: Jul 26 - 30, Aug 23 - 27, and Sep 27 - Oct 1. Place your branches and brush near your regular refuse pickup site by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of these weeks and city employees will remove the brush. They will attempt to complete the pickup during the scheduled week, but the schedule may be pushed back due to their workload or weather conditions. Please keep in mind, this is not a tree removal service. Large volumes of branches, large tree limbs, tree trunks or stumps will not be picked up.

## Alley Trimming

Just a reminder that residents are responsible for trimming the trees and bushes on their property along the alley ways so that they are not protruding into the alley and/or obstructing the vision of drivers.

## Property Maintenance Reminder

The City Code prohibits storage of rubbish items outside including trash, furniture, appliances, old machinery, motor vehicle parts and tires, unused building materials, yard waste, and other unsightly items. To dispose of these items, contact West Central Sanitation 800-246-7630. West Central Sanitation will bill you directly for the cost of the removal of these items.



Please be a good neighbor and keep your yard clean. Be sure to clear your yard of any animal wastes, too. Help us keep Waite Park looking great!



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## Water Conservation Tips

With the extremely dry weather we have had, here are some useful tips on how you can conserve water:

- ◆ Use the dishwasher, instead of washing dishes by hand, and then only run the dishwasher when it is full.
- ◆ Take short showers instead of baths.
- ◆ Turn off the water when brushing your teeth and when shaving.
- ◆ Run only full loads of laundry.
- ◆ Update old toilets, showerheads, dishwashers and washing machines.
- ◆ Repair leaky faucets, indoors and out.
- ◆ Repair leaky toilets! We have FREE dye tablets available at city hall for you to check your toilets for leaks. Drop one tablet in the toilet tank. If colored water appears in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes, your toilet is leaking.



## Be a Responsible Pet Owner

Be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog, even in your own yard. It is unlawful to allow pet waste to accumulate on your own property to exceed that which would ordinarily occur in two days and/or an accumulation such that the odor can be detected from adjacent properties, or is offensive to the sight or creates a public health risk.

It is also unlawful for you to allow your dog or cat to relieve itself on property that is not your own, and then to not remove it and dispose of it in your own garbage receptacle.



It is also unlawful for you to allow your dog or cat to run at large anywhere within the City, other than on your own property.

Any person violating any of the provisions of Ordinance 91 are guilty of a misdemeanor and may be issued a citation.

## Night to Unite

Night to Unite (NTU) will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd. NTU is a nation-wide effort to promote crime prevention and police-community partnerships. It is always held on the first Tuesday in August. Would you be interested in hosting a NTU event? NTU events can be simple or elaborate.

Three Simple Steps to Host a NTU event in your neighborhood:

1. Invite some neighbors, especially the ones you haven't already met!
2. Plan for food, from ice cream cones to a potluck, food always brings people together!
3. Register your party with the police department ASAP. If you register your event, the Police & Fire Departments will show up at your party, and you will also receive a free party planning kit full of supplies to host a successful event! Registration forms can be found on the City website or may be picked up at the Waite Park Police Department.

## Citizens Police Academy

Experience first-hand many areas of police training!

Vehicle Stops, Crime Scenes, Use of Force, Patrol, Firearms, Specialized Units and much more!

Apply by August 16th!

Classes are held at various departments and locations throughout the academy on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

September 9th - October 21st .

Applications are available online or at the Waite Park Police Department.

## Senior Cookout

The 10th Annual Waite Park Seniors and Law Enforcement Cookout will be held on Wednesday, August 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Park Pavilion north of City Hall at 151 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Join your local Police Officers as they serve you a free lunch! There will be a few short presentations to discuss concerns or programs affecting our senior population.

Since the meal is provided free of charge, it is restricted to only Waite Park residents age 55 or better.

RSVP on the city website [www.ci.waitepark.mn.us](http://www.ci.waitepark.mn.us) or by email: [Alicia.Mages@ci.waiteparkpd.mn.us](mailto:Alicia.Mages@ci.waiteparkpd.mn.us) Provide your name, phone number and the number of people planning to attend.



## Senior Center has Re-Opened!

The Senior Center is open with limited days/hours: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 11:00 AM-3:30 PM. We are opening it on a phased-in schedule based on demand and the availability of volunteers to host.

Come join us in a fun game of Tripoley, Euchre, Mah-Jongg, Bunco and Cribbage!

A calendar of events can be found at the Senior Center in the lower level of City Hall, on the Government Access Channel 181 and on the City Facebook page.