

# Lead the way in Fire Safety

## Cooking fires

- ◆ Never leave cooking unattended.
- ◆ Do not add water to grease fires because it makes the fire worse.
- ◆ Keep lids for pots and pans readily available when cooking in case a fire should occur.
- ◆ Teach children how to cook properly and the importance of following directions.
- ◆ Organize kitchen cooking area with fire safety in mind.





## Recreational fires

- ◆ Recreational fires are allowed in the city of Mankato without a permit.
- ◆ Maintain a 25-foot clearance between the fire and any building or combustibles.
- ◆ Recreational fires should be used for cooking, social, or recreational purposes.  
Please do not dispose of trash, debris, grass or similar materials because they are fire hazards.
- ◆ Keep a fire extinguisher, garden hose, sand, bucket or shovel nearby.
- ◆ Once done, soak any remains in water in a metal can and allow at least 24 hours to cool before discarding them.  
Properly disposing remains can help prevent a fire from restarting and causing damage.
- ◆ Someone must attend the recreational fire until it burns out completely or is extinguished.

## Outdoor grilling

- ◆ Grill at least 15 feet away from buildings.
- ◆ Supervise children when grills are in use.
- ◆ Let the grill fully cool before storing it or covering it after use.
- ◆ If using a wood or charcoal grill, extinguish ashes with water before disposal.

**For more information about fire safety, contact public safety staff at 507-387-8577,  
or go online to [www.ci.mankato.mn.us/Fire-Safety-Tips/Page.aspx](http://www.ci.mankato.mn.us/Fire-Safety-Tips/Page.aspx).**