

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. If I have a fire pit or an outdoor fireplace in my backyard, am I going to need a permit?

A. No permits are required at this time. Please ensure guidelines are followed within this brochure.

Q. Do I need to have my fire pit inspected?

A. No, however, if you have any questions regarding the installation and/or use of the fire pit contact the Town of Beaverlodge office or Beaverlodge Fire Rescue.

Q. Who do I call if smoke from my neighbour's fire pit is bothersome?

A. Contact the Town of Beaverlodge Office or Beaverlodge Fire Rescue.

fire-pit—*noun* a pit dug into the ground or made from stones, masonry, etc., for keeping a fire used for cooking or warmth.



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**A QUICK AND EASY
GUIDE TO FIRE-PITS**

RESIDENTIAL FIRE PIT GUIDELINES

Materials

Fire pits are to be constructed of non-combustible material. Firebricks or blocks are recommended to form an enclosed burning area, and set on patio bricks, sidewalk blocks or similar non-combustible material. Commercial type burning appliance or fireplaces such as Chimnea's are acceptable as long as they meet the guidelines set out in this brochure.

Placement

Fire pits / Appliances must be at least 3 meters (10 feet) from any property lines, fences, or structures. Consider how close you install fire pits to trees; trees may be damaged by heat or become a fire hazard.

Fuel

Use clean and untreated burning combustible material only (wood). Any household waste material is prohibited. Flame height shall not exceed 90 cm (3 feet) in height at any time. Flammable or combustible liquids, chemicals or contaminated substances shall not be burnt.

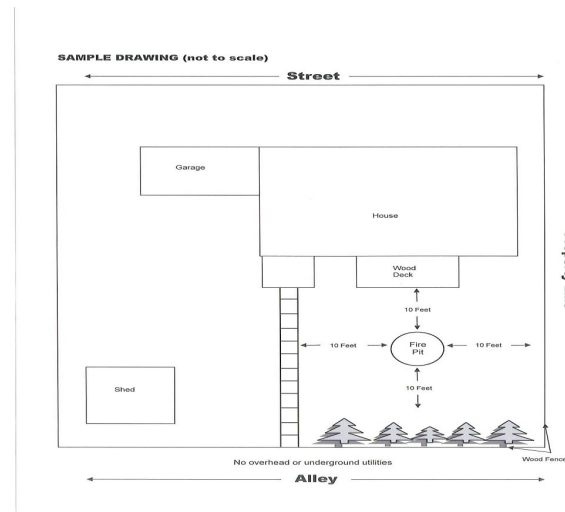
Screen

Use a 13 mm (1/2 - inch) metal mesh screen to cover the top opening of the fire pit. Commercial fireplaces or appliances with a chimney must have a spark arrestor mesh of 13mm (.4 feet) or less to contain sparks.



Size

Fire pits / Appliances must have a 3 meter (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials and may not be located over any underground utilities or under any above ground wires; the fire pit opening should not exceed 1 meter (3.25 feet) in width or in diameter when measured between the widest points or outside edges; the structure shall not exceed .6 meters (2 feet) in height measuring from ground level to the top of the screen. The pit shall be either dug into the ground or constructed on a non combustible surface. The pit shall be surrounded by non combustible material, either stone or brick, to a distance equal to the greater of the height of the pit or the radius of the pit. (i.e. pit height is 2 feet and the radius is 2 feet; the non-combustible base shall extend 2 feet from the sides of the pit) The bottom of the pit should contain 25cm of stones or gravel.



Weather Conditions

Consider weather conditions when burning. Smoke and ash may affect other properties and neighbours.

Specific Guidelines for Commercial Fireplaces or Chimnea's

If equipped with a chimney, the chimney must not be less than 2.5 meters (8 feet) in height when measured from the base of the burning area of the receptacle.

The base of the burning area must be no less than .3 meters (1 foot) above the surrounding grade. The fire chamber may not exceed 1.25 meters (4 feet) in width and must be at least .4 meters (1.3 feet) but not more than .6 meters (2 feet) in depth.

NOTE: UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS; THE FIRE WILL BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR THE OCCUPANT:

- **DURING A COMPLETE FIRE BAN; ALL OUTDOOR FIRE PIT BURNING SHALL CEASE.**
- Complaints
- Unattended fires
- Fire extending beyond fire pit
- If the Fire Department deems that there are potential fire hazards
- If the fire pit is being used for purposes other than recreational such as burning; grass, leaves or garbage
- If the fire pit is creating dense smoke or offensive odours.

The fire pit will be built with all above mentioned conditions. Failure to meet these conditions will result in extinguishment of any fires and no further fires will be permitted until deficiencies are rectified.