

The following regulatory guidelines shall be utilized for the location, installation and use of outdoor fire pits, outdoor fire places (chimineas) and outdoor solid fuel receptacles.

The outdoor fire pit or outdoor solid fuel receptacle shall:

- Be enclosed on all sides and constructed of masonry, concrete, heavy gauge metal or other noncombustible materials,
- Not exceed 460 mm (18 in) in depth when measured from the bottom of the pit to the top of the pit opening and shall be at least 150 mm (6 in) in height when measured from the surrounding grade to the top of the pit opening,
- Be located on a flat, level, non-combustible base and vertically clear of any overhead combustible materials such as eaves, any tree branches, utility wires, etc,

- The opening shall not exceed 750 mm (2.5 ft) in diameter or an area of 0.56 m² (6 ft²) and the width or length shall not be greater than 750 mm (2.5 ft),
- A noncombustible spark arrestor, grill or mesh with an opening no larger than 12 mm (½ "x ½ ") shall be used to cover the entire area of the outdoor fire pit or the chimney opening,
- A minimum clearance of 3 meters (10 ft) measured from the nearest fire pit edge shall be maintained from any combustible buildings, sheds or other combustible structures such as fences, trees, hydro poles, and shall also be maintained from neighboring property lines. In no instance shall the required clearance be less than 3 meters (10 ft),
- When in use, outdoor fire pits, outdoor fire places (chimineas) and outdoor solid fuel receptacles shall be continuously supervised by an adult,
- Outdoor fire pits and outdoor solid fuel receptacles shall not be utilized during wind conditions exceeding 25kph (15 mph) or during extreme drought conditions whereby such utilization may cause an undue fire hazard,
- A means of extinguishment such as a portable fire extinguisher, pail of water, sand or a garden hose shall be readily available on site. All fires must be completely extinguished before leaving the site.

You Cannot Burn:

- Treated or painted lumber,
- Lumber products containing glue or resin,
- Wet or unseasoned wood,
- Leaves, brush or yard waste,
- Garbage,
- Rubber, tires or plastic.

It is also important to limit the noise from around the fire pit, especially late at night. All fires must be limited in size so that they are readily controllable.



OUTDOOR FIRE PITS REGULATORY GUIDELINES

If you have a concern about a fire pit

- Discuss the concern directly with your neighbor,
- Record the address of the violation and a description of the problem if you can't resolve it directly with your neighbor,
- Call 204-622-3100 and provide your name, address, phone number and the details of your concern.

Responding to Your Complaint

- After you call, the following steps are taken to help with your issue:
 - A file is created specifying your concerns and the Fire Department investigates your complaint within four (4) business days,
 - A warning notice with directions to remedy the problem within a specified time frame or an offence notice of up to \$500.00 may be issued depending on the circumstances,
 - An order may also be issued, which allows the City to fix the problem and invoice the property owner for the cost,
 - The information you provide will be used to process your complaint, but your name and address will not be made available to anyone else.

Please be courteous to your neighbors. While you may enjoy the smell of wood smoke, not everyone does.

Some medical conditions are aggravated by smoke.

Make sure that your fire is small and burning clean, dry fuels to limit the amount of smoke drifting on to your neighbors' property.

IMPORTANT

If you do not own the property where you reside, you **MUST** have the written consent of your landlord in order to install and use an outdoor fire pit within the City of Dauphin.

If you believe a burning fire is dangerous, call 911 and the Fire Department will respond immediately.



Backyard fire pits and fireplaces are a great way to enjoy the outdoors, but they can be dangerous and the smoke and noise can disturb your neighbors.

This brochure contains information to assist you to ensure that your fire pit is safe and in compliance with the City of Dauphin's Fire Prevention and Emergency Service By-Law.



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