

What is the law?

All fires must be:

- In a fire pit or receptacle constructed of non-combustible material.
- In a fire pit built into the bare ground or set upon non-combustible material such as brick or stone (if not in a receptacle).
- Not within 2 metres of the property line, building or fence, or beneath any trees or branches (or other combustible materials).
- Kept to a reasonable size (under 1m both height and width) so the fire, embers, sparks or dense smoke do not endanger anyone or cause a nuisance on any neighbouring properties.
- Fully supervised at all times.
- Fully extinguished by 1:00 a.m. You may relight the fire after 10:00 a.m. the following morning.

You must have a means to extinguish the fire on hand at all times. The fire must be extinguished completely, leaving only cold ashes, prior to leaving the fire.

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
- Animal carcasses or parts

Remember, the Fire Department has the power to enact a fire ban. The Fire Department, Police or a Bylaw Officer may ask you to extinguish your fire when a fire ban is in effect or if you are not complying with the regulations listed above.

Tips for fire pit use

- Only clean dry firewood is permitted to be burned in fire pits. Burning prohibited materials can cause dense smoke and offensive odors to neighbouring properties.
- Smoke from fire pits can cause adverse health effects in some people. Be aware of neighbours that may be negatively impacted to exposure of smoke from outdoor fire pits.
- Before using your fire pit, familiarize yourself with optimal wind conditions and take precautions to prevent smoke from disturbing your neighbours.
 - High wind speeds may pose a fire hazard.
 - Low wind speeds may contribute to poor air quality and reduce smoke dissipation.
- Placing a metal grill/screen on top of the fire pit reduces the size of the flame and helps prevent sparks and embers from escaping and igniting nearby materials.

Have a complaint?

Fines for contraventions of these regulations range between \$500 and \$5000. Repeat offenses of these regulations may result in a fire being banned on a premises. If you would like to report an infraction please:

- Call 9-1-1 - if the concern is an emergency in nature
- Call 3-1-1 - if the concern is **not** an emergency in nature