Fire Code & Safety Requirements

FIRE PITS

FAQs

What kinds of fuel can I use in my fire pit?

- Clean (non-treated), dry wood
- Charcoal

What must I avoid burning?

Any material that creates excessive smoke must not be placed in a fire pit including:

- Treated wood products
- Grass clippings or leaves
- Garbage
- Cardboard

Do I need a permit?

No, but your fire pit must meet the requirements outlined in the Community Standards Bylaw (004-12).

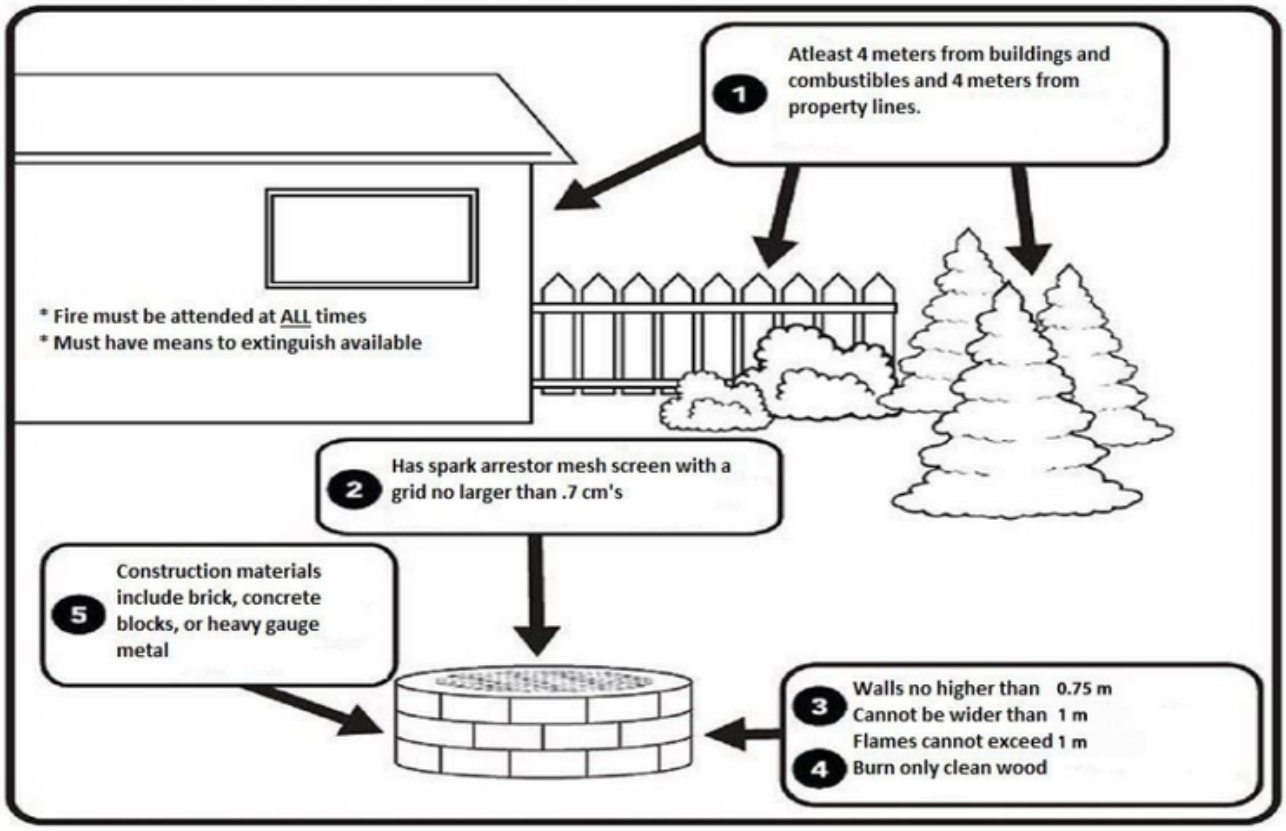
Are there times I shouldn't use my fire pit?

Yes, any time a fire ban is issued it becomes illegal to use your fire pit. Fire bans are issued at the discretion of the Fire Chief and can be found on the website at www.chestermere.ca. Thank you for respecting fire bans and doing your part to keep our community safe.

In Chestermere, fire pits must:

- Be at least 4 metres (12 feet) from buildings, property lines and
- anything else that could catch fire
- Be less than 0.75 metres (2.5 feet) high
- Be less than 1 metre (3 feet) wide
- Have enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete or heavy-gauge metal
- or set on the bare ground
- Have a mesh screen on top to stop sparks (spark-arrestor) with
- openings smaller than 0.75 centimetres (0.25 inches)
- Cannot be left unattended
- Cannot have a fire on premises between 1 a.m. - 10 a.m

As outlined in the City of Chestermere
Community Standards Bylaw 004-12 (Section 9)



Remember

- Smoke from fire pits must not be allowed to interfere with your neighbour's ability to enjoy their property
- Fire pits should not be used when winds exceed 25 km/h
- Fire pits must be supervised by a person 18 years or older at all times
- Always make sure a fire is completely out when you are done
- You must keep a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to extinguish flames when necessary
- For minor burns immerse the affected area in cold water. When in
- doubt seek medical attention

Fire Hazard Levels

	No Restriction	Fire Advisory	Fire Restriction	Fire Ban
Open fire permits	Allowed (✓)	Allowed (✓)	NOT allowed (X)	NOT allowed (X)
Propane/natural gas BBQ	✓	✓	✓	✓
Propane/natural gas fire pit	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indoor fireplace	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor fireplace	✓	✓	✓	X
Chiminea	✓	✓	✓	X
Fournos oven	✓	✓	✓	X
Charcoal briquette BBQ	✓	✓	X	X
City owned elevated fire pits	✓	✓	X	X
Backyard fire pits	✓	✓	X	X
Fireworks*	X	X	X	X

Have Concerns?

If you have a concern about a fire pit:

- First, discuss the concern directly with your neighbour
- To report a nuisance concern with the use of a fire pit, please contact the Fire Department at (403) 272-9878
- For issues with loud noises and or parties, please contact the RCMP at (403) 204-8900
- Dial 9-1-1 if your fire pit or your neighbour's fire pit becomes out of control or appears hazardous
- For more information about fire pit locations or construction,
- please contact the Fire Department at (403) 272-9878

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.

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For emergencies dial 9-1-1