

FIRE PIT POLICY

PURPOSE: To prevent fires and minimize the nuisance to neighbours.

DEFINITION: The term fire pit refers to a temporary or permanently affixed outdoor fire receptacle.

REGULATIONS: The regulations governing the use of fire pits are in place to ensure the safety of residents, prevent fires and minimize the nuisance to neighbours.

- Fire pits cannot be used between the hours of 1 a.m. and noon.
- The fire must be contained in a non-combustible receptacle made of cement, brick, clay or sheet metal with a minimum 18 gauge thickness.
- The fire box must be covered with heavy gauge metal screen with openings not larger than 13 mm (1/2 inch) to contain sparks.
- The size of the fire box must not exceed 0.75 metres (30 inches) in any dimension.
- The fire pit must be located a minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) from any combustible material, such as buildings, porches and decks.
- Fire pits cannot be placed on combustible decks or apartment balconies.
- Fire pits must be situated on a non-combustible surface.
- Fire pits shall be clear of overhangs, such as tree branches, utility lines and structures.
- Fire pits must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Any person who uses a fire pit shall have a means of extinguishing the fire readily accessible at all times. (i.e. fire extinguisher)
- The only permitted fuels are charcoal, seasoned wood or manufactured fire logs.
- Materials that cannot be burned include, but are not limited to: waste including rubbish, slimes, manure, treated or painted lumber, livestock or animal carcasses, tailings, garbage, garden refuse or scrap; any hazardous material or dangerous good; or any material that generates black smoke or an offensive odour, including insulation from electrical wiring, rubber tires, asphalt shingles, hydrocarbons, plastics and lumber treated with wood preservative.
- Fire pits must be extinguished if smoke causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property.
- Fire pits shall not be used in windy conditions.
- In the event the Fire Chief issues a Fire Ban, the use of fire pits will be prohibited.
- Any complaints or concerns will be handled through bylaw enforcement.