

Fire Pit Regulations

A development permit, from the Town of Gibbons is required prior to the installation or construction of a fire pit. The application fee for a Development Permit is \$100.00

Fire pits are not allowed in front or side yards and must be located at least 3.0 meters away from any building, property line, or combustible material. Fire pits can not be located over underground utilities or above ground wires.

All fire pits must have enclosed sides made from a non-combustible material. It must be set up or built into the bare ground or a non-combustible material such as brick or stone and the openings can not exceed 1.0 metres in width or diameter. A spark arrestor mesh screen cover, with no opening larger than 1.25 cm.

The location should take into account the normal wind direction to prevent the smoke from bothering neighbors. Person attending the fire shall ensure that the smoke does not bother neighbors. Property owners and occupants will be responsible for any damage resulting from the use of the fire pit.

There shall be no burning of grass, weeds, tree limbs, garden refuse, garbage or other similar materials. Fires should not be used as smudge fires.

The flames from the fire must not exceed 1.0 meters in height at any time and every person who builds, ignites or allows a fire in an approved fire pit must ensure that a means of extinguishing the fire is kept on hand while the fire is burning. No fire should ever be left unsupervised and all fires must be extinguished completely, leaving only cold ashes, prior to anyone leaving the fire.

Fire pits may not be used when the Town is under a fire ban or fire restriction.

Portable fire receptacle (ie., Portable Propane Fire Pit) means an outdoor non-permanent fire receptacle used for a recreational fire. It must be located at least 3.0 meters away from any building, property line or combustible material. A person may build, ignite or allow a fire in a portable fire receptacle on a wooden deck as long as they ensure that a non-combustible material, such as brick or stone is placed between the portable fire receptacle and wooden deck. The portable fire receptacle is situated at least 3 meters from any house, garage, similar structure or combustible material (excluding the wooden deck).

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