

Do I need to have a fire extinguisher?

Have a means of extinguishing a fire close at hand at all times.

This could include a garden hose or bucket of water.

Can I have a fire pit in my backyard

Yes. Outdoor fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, barbecue pits or portable fire receptacles can be used to burn clean, dry, untreated wood or charcoal

Do I need a permit to have a fire pit

No. As long as your fire pit, outdoor fireplace, barbecue pit or portable fire receptacle meet the guidelines outlined in the Fire Services Bylaw 14/10

What can I burn

Only burn clean dry seasoned wood. Yard waste such as dead grass, leaves, tree branches or painted, treated or glued wood can not be burned. Paper and cardboard should not be burned either

My neighbour is burning in their yard and I am concerned about the fire hazard

If your neighbour's fire pit meets the conditions set out by The Town of Cochrane, they are permitted to have a fire in their back yard. However, the fire must not create a risk of fire or damage to persons or property, or create a nuisance. If you are concerned that a fire hazard exists, please contact 911 and indicate you wish to have a burning complaint investigated

For the complete Fire Services Bylaw visit Cochrane.ca and search Fire Services Bylaw

CONTACT US

Cochrane Fire Services

403-851-2540

In case of emergency dial 911



Cochrane Fire Pit Safety

Fire pits are a great way to relax and enjoy your yard, cook some marshmallows and visit with your neighbours.

Safety must always come first - this brochure will provide information on fire pit safety.

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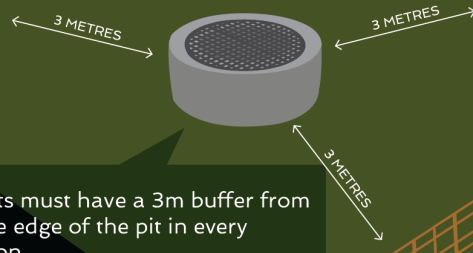


Fire Pit Placement

Fire pit must be 3m or more away from fences, bushes, decks and property line

Gas line and utilities must be 3m or more away from fire pit. Fire pits should never be placed under overhead lines or directly above gas lines

Fire pits must have a 3m buffer from outside edge of the pit in every direction.



Residents may enjoy their fire pits year round whenever there is not a fire ban, fire restriction or extreme wind in the community.

More info: [Cochrane.ca/FireBan](https://www.cochrane.ca/FireBan)

Never leave a fire pit unsupervised or unattended.

Fire pits must be on a non-combustible surface with 3 metres of space in every direction from buildings, fences, decks, trees and the property line.

- Enclosed sides must be made from bricks, concrete blocks, metal, or other non-combustible materials.
- Pit size must be <1 metre in width, and between 15 cm - 60 cm high.
- Spark retention mesh screens are required with a grid no larger than 1.25 cm.
- Extinguish your fire fully when done, it must be cool to the touch.
- Always soak ashes before disposing of them.
- Fires in a fire pit need to be kept to a reasonable size.
- Care should be taken to minimize the amount of smoke produced.
- Never position a fire pit under a overhead lines or closer than 1 metre from a gas line.

Recommended Fire Pit Construction

