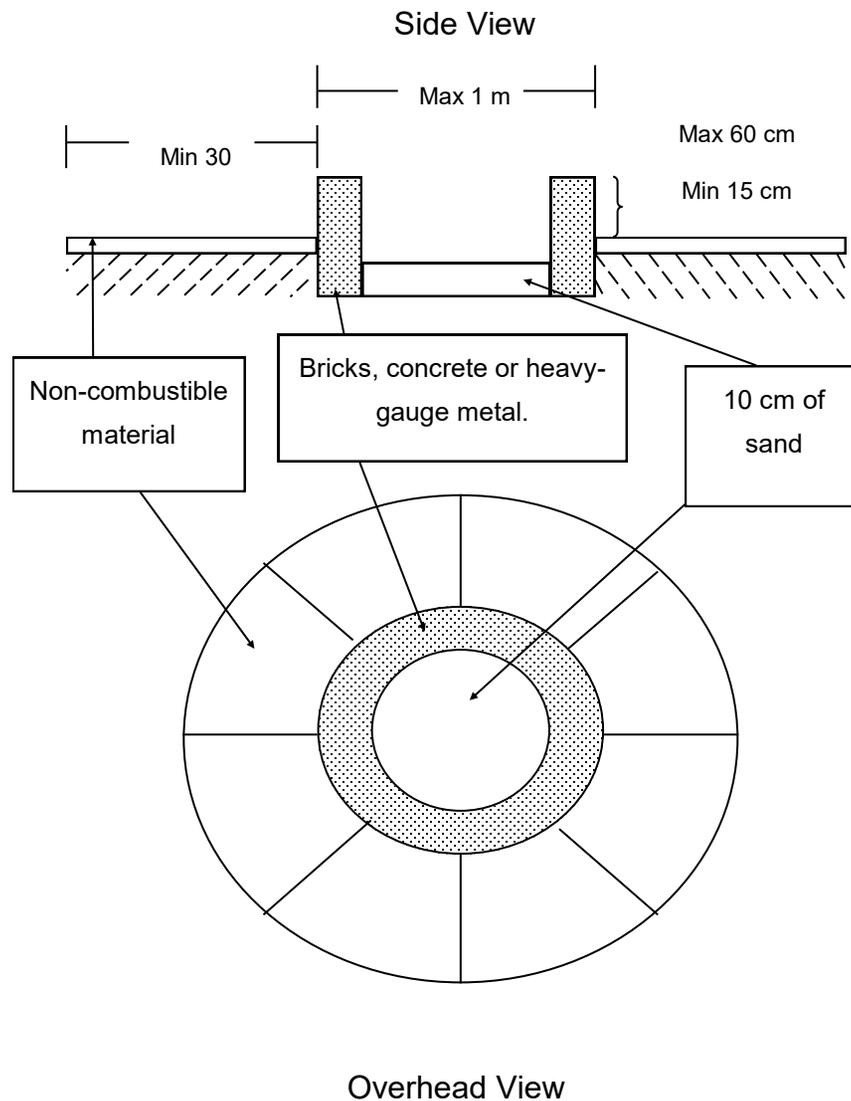


Recommended Fire Pit Construction



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FIRE PIT

Fire Pit Definition
applies to various types of outdoor burning, including burning in fire pits, fire places, and portable fire receptacles. The term "fire pit" refers to a permanently affixed outdoor receptacle.

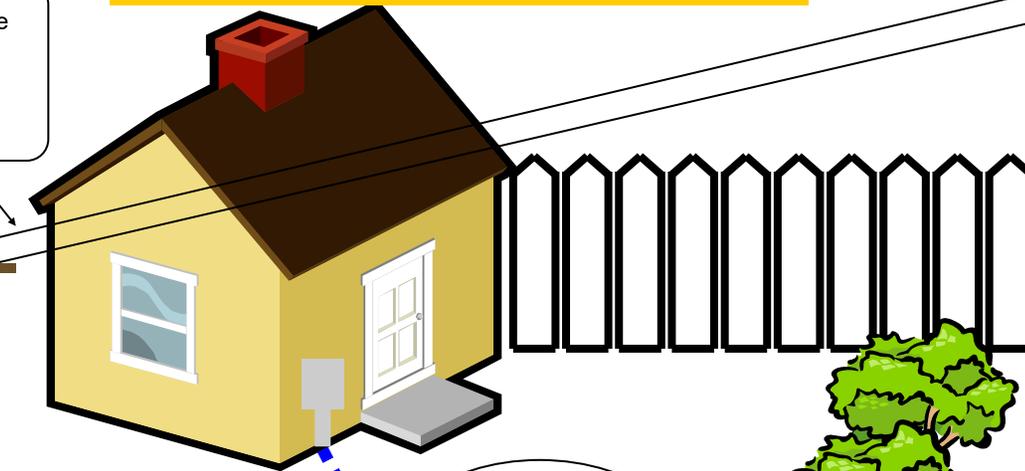
For Fire Ban information visit www.cochrane.ca or www.abfirebans.ca

Call **9-1-1**
In case of an emergency

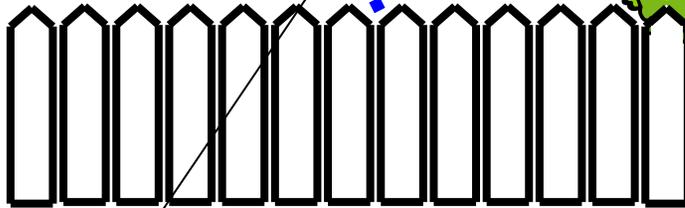
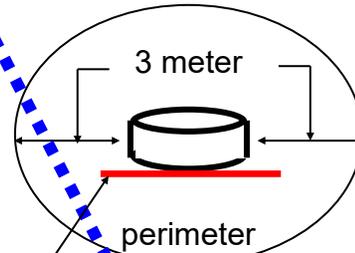
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Fire Pit Placement

Fire pit should not be directly under any overhead lines.

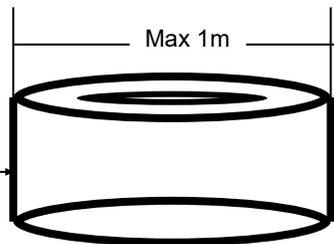


Fire pits must be >1 m away from gas lines and utilities.



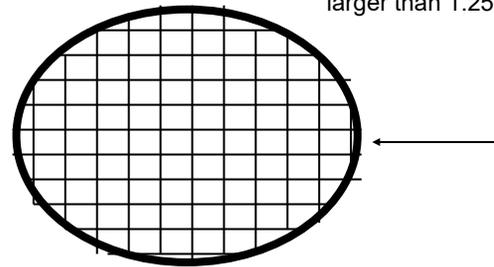
Non-combustible base

Has enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete or heavy-gauge metal.



Max 1m

Max 60 cm Min 15 cm



Spark Retention Mesh Screen with a grid no larger than 1.25 cm

Fire pits are allowed within the Town of Cochrane, and may be enjoyed for the purposes of cooking, warming and viewing. Residents may use their fire pits year round whenever there is not a fire ban in effect that prohibits their use.

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. (See specific flyer for portable receptacles)

Do I need a permit to have a fire pit?

No. As long as your fire pit meets the guidelines outlined in the Fire Services Bylaw 03/14.

Can I burn my yard waste?

No. Yard waste is not permitted to be burned within the Town limits.

Do I need to have a fire extinguisher?

You are required to have a means of extinguishing the fire on hand at all times while it is burning. A garden hose and water is sufficient.

My neighbor is/was burning in the backyard. I am concerned about the fire hazard. Can my neighbor do this?

If your neighbor'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 by providing 911 with the correct address to be investigated.

For the complete Fire Services Bylaw visit www.cochrane.ca and search Fire Services Bylaw 14/10.