

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information related to fire pits/
fireplaces, or portable fire devices please contact the
Coaldale & District Emergency Service at 403-345-
1330.

To see a complete copy of Bylaw 531-R-05-04 visit the
Town of Coaldale website at www.coaldale.ca



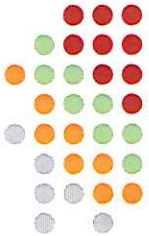
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OPEN BURNING BYLAW REGULATIONS BYLAW 531-R-05-04



BACKYARD FIRE SAFETY



When used safely and properly, fire pits can provide many seasons of enjoyment. Bylaw 531-R-05-04 outlines the requirements for the construction and use of fire pits within the Town of Coaldale to help protect the safety of citizens.

FIRE PIT DEFINITIONS

The bylaw 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 receptacle for the purposes of setting a recreational fire in a residential area of the Town including but not exclusive to outdoor fireplaces, chimneys and similar burning devices.



GUIDELINES


- Owners shall not burn manure, animal carcasses, building materials, toxic material or chemicals, pathological wastes, garbage, treated wood and or waste material from a demolition or construction sites. All persons shall burn only clean dry wood in a fire pit and shall obtain a fire permit from the Fire Department to burn any other materials.
- Fire pits and portable fire receptacles must be 3 metres (10 feet) from any property line, structure with no overhang or outermost edge of a building projection.
- The maximum dimensions for a fire pit shall not exceed 1 metre in height or 1 metre in width.
- All persons shall consider their neighbours when the wind is blowing in the direction of open windows.
- All recreational fires must be supervised by at least one person 18 years of age or older.
- All fires must be extinguished between the hours of 2:00 am and 10:00am.
- Should the Town of Coaldale or the Fire Department have to extinguish a fire, all cost will be charged to the property owner.
- Fines of up to \$500 may be levied for non-compliance of the Open Burning Bylaw.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Does the Bylaw pertain to new or existing fire pits?

The bylaw pertains to both new and existing fire pits. It is expected that all fire pits will be in compliance with the bylaw.

How should my fire pit be constructed?

- Fire pits shall be constructed of concrete block, heavy gauge metal or other non-combustible material. 
- It shall be built on a non-combustible base and a 3 mm (1/4 inch) metal mesh grate shall cover the top of the fire pit.
- Fire pits shall be built a minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) from any property line, structure with no overhang or outermost edge of a building projection.
- The maximum dimensions for a fire pit shall not exceed 1 metre in height or 1 metre in width.

Will the Fire Department be checking fire pits to ensure they meet the bylaw standards?

If the Fire Department responds to a fire pit complaint, they will determine if there is a violation and if so, will notify Bylaw Enforcement.

Is a Permit required for new or existing fire pits?

No. Permits are not issued for backyard fire pits, but they are expected to meet the requirements laid out in the Open Burning Bylaw.