

For More Information

For additional information related to fire pits/fireplaces or portable fire receptacles please contact Coaldale & District Emergency Services at 403-345-1330.

To see a complete copy of Community Standards Bylaw, which includes open burning regulations please visit the Town of Coaldale website at www.coaldale.ca

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Frequently Asked 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 gate 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 0.75 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.

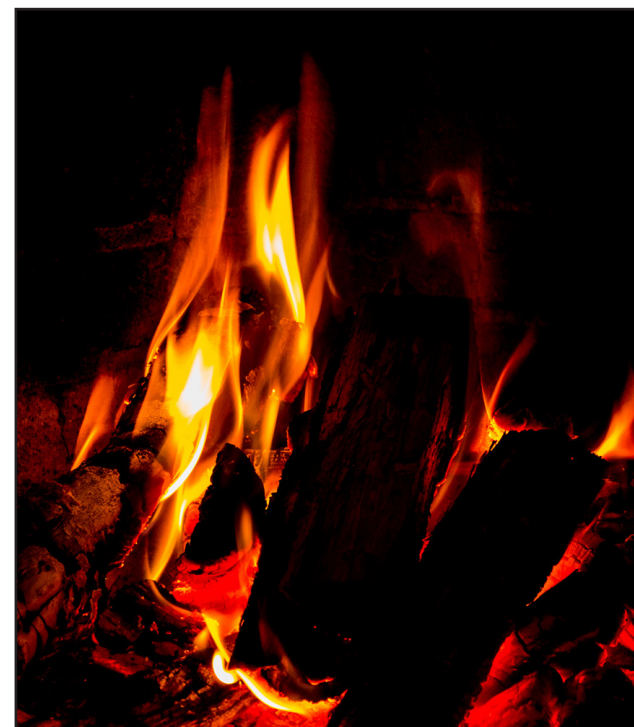
Is a permit required for a new or existing fire pit?

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

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Backyard Fire Safety

When used safely and properly, fire pits can provide many seasons of enjoyment. The Community Standards Bylaw outlines the requirements for the construction and use of fire pits within the Town of Coaldale to help protect the safety of all our citizens.

Fire Pit Definitions:

Regulations within the bylaw apply to various types of outdoor burning including burning in fire pits, fireplaces and portable fire receptacles.

The term “fire pit” refers to a receptacle for the purpose of setting a recreational fire in a residential area of the Town of Coaldale including but not exclusive to outdoor fireplaces, chimeneas and similiar burning receptacles.



Guidelines:

- Owners shall not burn manure, animal carcasses, building materials, toxic material or chemicals, pathological wastes, garbage, treated wood or waste material from a demolition or construction site. 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 building projection.
- The maximum dimensions for a fire pit shall not exceed 0.75 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.
- A means of extinguishing the fire must be kept on hand at all times while the fire is burning.
- All fires must be extinguished between the hours of 1 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- 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 \$5000 may be levied for non-compliance under the Community Standards Bylaw.