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Rescue**

**Recreational Fire Pit
Regulations**

Guidelines for Installation of Recreational Fire Pits at Residential Properties

These guidelines may not apply to every situation. If you have special consideration or require more information, contact the Fire Chief. (See Contact information on reverse)

How to Get a Permit

- No person shall light, ignite or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air without permission from the Fire Chief. To obtain permission from the Fire Chief, Springside residents must first complete the Recreational Fire Pit Application available at the Town Office or on the Town of Springside website. Completed forms can be submitted to the Town Office together with the \$10.00 permit fee. Once the site has been inspected and approved by the Fire Chief, a Recreational Fire Pit Permit will be issued.
- Permits will only be issued to registered property owners. Renters who have a letter indicating written approval from the property owner may also be granted a permit.

Requirements

- The fire appliance must be a minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) from all combustibles, such as buildings, decks, fences, trees, etc.
- The appliance can be no larger than 1 metre (39 inches) in diameter.
- The pit must be constructed of stone, masonry, or metal (including manufactured fire pits and chimineas).
- All openings must be clad with a metal mesh-type screen with openings no greater than 12 mm x 12 mm (½ inch x ½ inch)
- Pits must be placed at ground level or above ground level and in a manner that will prevent fuel from falling out of the container.
- Vegetation must be cleared for a 0.5 metre (18 inch) radius of the perimeter of the appliance.
- Only cured wood products may be burned in the appliance. (Gas or propane may be optional with the approval of the Fire Chief).
- No manufactured portable wood burning appliance shall be placed on a combustible surface or structure.
- A minimum of one 21AIOBC dry chemical fire extinguisher must be located within easy access on the property - or, in lieu, a garden hose may be used if it is connected to a functioning faucet and ready for immediate use.
- All fire pits must be supervised by an adult registered owner or renter while operating.
 - In the event that a Permit is granted and a complaint is received from a neighbor citing health reasons, the permit may be revoked until such time as circumstances change or the cause of complaint is rectified.
 - A minimum of 25 feet overhead clearance to power lines.

NOTES

- It is recommended that the bottom of the fire pit contain approximately 25 cm of gravel or stone.
- Permits are only valid if the fire pit remains in the approved location. If it is moved to another location, that locations will require the approval of the Fire Chief.
- Conditions for which the Fire Department crews may be called to put out a fire, regardless of having a Permit or not, include:
 - Smoke entering a neighbor's house.
 - Unattended fires.
 - All attendees appearing to be intoxicated.
 - Fire exceeding the permitted pit size.
- Competent and constant attendants must be left in charge of the fire to ensure that it is kept under control.

IT IS AN EXPRESSED CONDITION OF THE RECREATIONAL FIRE PERMIT THAT THE PERMITTEE, WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE PERMIT, SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY. THE PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED BY THE FIRE INSPECTOR OR HIS DESIGNATE AT ANY TIME AND FOR ANY REASON WITH THE FIRE ORDERED TO BE EXTINGUISHED. FAILURE TO RESPOND TO SUCH AN ORDER WOULD RESULT IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CREW BEING CALLED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE WITH ACTUAL COSTS OF THAT CALL IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERMITEE.