

OPEN AIR FIRES

A fire pit permit must be obtained from the Swift Current Fire Department and the site of the burning and the receptacle must be available for inspection by a fire inspector.

The following are conditions of the application for a outdoor fire pit:

- 1) Fire pits and outdoor fireplaces shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) the fire must be contained in a non-combustible receptacle constructed of concrete, clay brick, or sheet metal with a minimum 18 gauge thickness;
 - (b) the receptacle is covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with openings not exceeding 13 mm (1/2"); and
 - (c) the size of the firebox does not exceed 75 cm (30") in any dimension.
- 2) The fuel used in fire pits and outdoor fireplaces shall be only charcoal, cut seasoned wood, or manufactured fire logs.
- 3) Burning the following material is prohibited:
waste, rubbish, slimes, manure, stained or painted lumber, livestock or animal carcasses, tailings, garbage, garden waste, scrap, hazardous materials or dangerous goods, or any material that generates black smoke or offensive odours including insulation from electrical wire, rubber tires, asphalt shingles, hydrocarbons, plastics, and lumber treated with wood preservatives.
- 4) All fire pits or outdoor fireplaces shall be located a minimum of 3 m (10') from any combustible material, building, porch, fence, deck, and property line and shall be clear of overhangs such as trees, utility lines and structures.
- 5) All fire pits must be placed on a non-combustible surface and shall not be placed on a deck or balcony.
- 6) Open air fires must be supervised by an adult, cannot be set in windy conditions, and a means of extinguishing the fire must be available at all times.
- 7) If smoke from an open air fire causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property, the fire must be extinguished immediately.
- 8) The permittee is responsible for any and all damages as a result of burning.
- 9) The Fire Department may order the fire pit extinguished without cause between the hours of 1:00 AM and 11:00 AM and where an order to extinguish an outdoor fire has been issued by the Fire Chief, a fire inspector or a peace officer, the fire shall not be re-lit for a period of 12 hours.
- 10) The Fire Chief may declare a complete ban of any burning of any kind in the City and at such time no fires shall be lit.