



## Fire Pits

Backyard fire pits and fire places are a great way to enjoy the outdoors, but they can be dangerous and the smoke and noise can disturb your neighbors.

Fire pits are regulated under the Fire Bylaw 1705. Here are a few things you need to do to make sure your fire is safe and legal.

### Building a Proper Fire Pit

Within Town of Clareholm limits, fire pits must:

- Be at least 3.4 meters (10 feet) from buildings, property lines and anything else that could catch fire
- Be supervised at all times by a responsible adult over the age of eighteen
- Be constructed of bricks, concrete blocks, or heavy-gauge metal, or other suitable noncombustible components
- Have a mesh screen on top to stop sparks (spark-arrestor) with openings smaller than 1.30 cm (1/2 inch) to contain sparks over the fire at all times
- Have flames no higher than 90 cm (3.28 feet) above the fire pit



### Burning the Proper Fuels

The only things that can be burned in an outdoor fire pit or fire place are:

- Clean (non-treated), dry wood
- Charcoal
- Natural gas
- Propane

### Limiting Noise and Smoke

While you may enjoy the smell of wood smoke, not everyone does. Some medical conditions are aggravated by smoke. Make sure that your fire is small and burning clean, dry fuels to limit the amount of smoke drifting on to your neighbors' property. It is also important to limit the noise from around the fire pit, especially late at night.