

Fire Pit Development and Application



Acceptable Fire Pits will be permitted within the Town of Vermilion under the following conditions:

Construction:

- Must be located in the back yard only.
- Must be located no less than 3m from any property line.
- Must be located no less than 3m from any structure (fence, deck, garage, shed, or dwelling).

Acceptable designs:

- 1.2m maximum pit opening
- .6m minimum pit opening
- 1m minimum pad surrounding pit constructed from non-combustible material (patio block or poured concrete preferred)
- Fire pit walls shall be a minimum of 10 cm thick by 40cm deep with a minimum of 15 cm of wall height above ground.
- Walls must be lined with a fire brick liner with a high temperature cement mortar (a 5mm steel liner may be used in lieu of fire brick).
- A minimum of 10 cm of non-combustible fill must be provided in the bottom of the pit.
- A fire retention screen capable of covering the pit but protruding beyond the perimeter of the pit must be provided.

Acceptable Fireplace which is an outdoor receptacle will be permitted under the following conditions:

- Located in the backyard only.
- Must be located a minimum of 1m from buildings, property lines, decks or other combustible material.
- Must be constructed of bricks or rocks that are heat and flame resistant.

- Is equipped with a chimney that is at least 2.5m in height when measured from the base of the fire burning area.
- Chimney is equipped with a regulation screen designed to contain and reduce the hazard of air born sparks.
- The base of the fire burning area is not less than .3m above the surrounding grade.
- Fire chamber does not exceed 1.25m in width and is at least .4m but not more than .6m in depth.
- Metal Fire Bowls may be permitted at the discretion of the Fire Chief if they are shown to be permanent (chained & staked down) with a 1m minimum pad surrounding outer edges of bowl and constructed of non-combustible material (patio block or poured concrete preferred).
- A fire retention screen capable of covering the bowl but protruding beyond the perimeter of the bowl must be provided.

Permitted Uses of Fire Pits/Places

- Cooking of food for human consumption
- For warmth
- Fire must be attended by a competent person & supervised at all times
- Only clean & dry materials are to be burned

Prohibited Materials for use in Fire Pits/Places

- Household garbage, leaves, straw, &/or painted wood
- Construction materials
- Items made of rubber, plastic, or similar material that may create a nuisance
- Fires generating large amounts of smoke may be subject to extinguishment.
- Failure to adhere to these guidelines could result in a fine or penalty.

How to Apply?

Application for construction of an acceptable fire pit/place can be made to the Fire Department through the **Town Office** by filling out the accompanying application form. When complete application and payment has been received at Town Office, development may proceed. Once completed, notify the Town Office and a Safety Codes Officer will inspect, consider the application and issue a permit (if all requirements have been met).

The Safety Codes Officer or Town Council may suspend or cancel the permit at any time.

What needs to be Included?

Each application must contain the following:

- **Name & Address** of the Applicant
- **Legal Description** of the land on which the fire pit/place is to be established
- A **Site Plan** showing the proposed location of pit/place in relation to other improvements on the property such as residential buildings, decks, patios, fences, and accessory building locations stating applicable distances.
- **Ticket Number** received after making request to **One Call** to mark gas line.
- **Fees - \$75.00** - to be submitted with application at Town Office.

Still have questions? Please contact us...

Town of Vermilion

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Application for Development of Fire Pit

Applicant: _____ Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Owner of Land: _____

Interest of Applicant if not Owner: _____

Address of Property where Fire Pit is to be developed: _____

Legal Description: Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____

Estimated Commencement Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Material used for Fire Pit Construction: _____

Site Plan attached

*****One Call – 1-800-242-3447 Ticket Number _____ *****

Notice of Decision – Official Use Only

The above application has been APPROVED _____ REFUSED _____

Conditions of Approval (if any) or Reasons for Refusal _____

Date of Decision _____, _____

Signature - Vermilion Fire Department _____ Please Print Name _____

SITE INSPECTION:

Date of Inspection: _____, _____

Comments: _____

Signature – Vermilion Fire Department _____ Please Print Name _____