



Fire pit safety

Backyard fire pits, as well as outdoor fire places and other wood burning fire containers must meet Calgary's bylaw standards for your safety and enjoyment, as well as your neighbours.

Remember, always check calgary.ca/firebans to ensure no fire bans are in effect and for the most up-to-date fire pit bylaws.

Contact 311 to report a **complaint** about a backyard fire pit.

Call 9-1-1 to report an **out of control fire** in a backyard fire pit.

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1. Backyard fire pits **MUST** be built into the ground, in a fire-proof container that does not exceed 0.75 metres in height, or on a non-combustible material such as brick or stone.

2. Fire pits must be at least two metres away from your property line, house, garage, or fence.

3. Fire pits **must NOT** be under any trees, branches, plants or other materials that can catch fire.

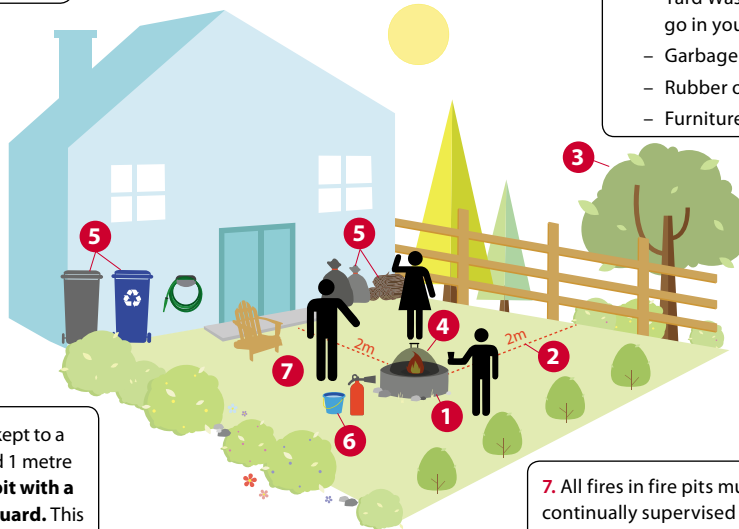
4. All fires in your fire pit must be kept to a maximum size of 1 metre high and 1 metre wide. **It is law to cover your fire pit with a fire-safe mesh screen or spark guard.** This prevents embers and sparks from causing harm to your neighbours.

5. Only burn clean, dry firewood in your fire pit. **Do NOT burn:**

- Wood that is painted, treated or contains glue or resin
- Wet or green/fresh cut wood
- Yard Waste (cut grass or leaves go in your green cart)
- Garbage
- Rubber or plastic
- Furniture

6. Always have a way to put out the fire close to your fire pit. Easy options are your watering hose or a bucket of water.

7. All fires in fire pits must be continually supervised and must be extinguished by midnight Sunday through Thursday night, and 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.



You can be fined up to \$5,000 for not following Calgary's Community Standards bylaw related to unsafe fires and the burning of prohibited materials. To learn more about fire pit safety, visit calgary.ca/firepits