

Fire Pit Usage within the Town of Blackfalds

When used safely and properly, fire pits can provide seasons of enjoyment. The “Definitions” section of the Fire Protection Bylaw 1187/15 outlines the requirements for the construction and use of fire pits within the Town to help ensure the safety of citizens.

Definition:

The term “fire pit” refers to both a permanent outdoor fire receptacle and a portable fire receptacle.

Tips for Fire Pit Use:

- Only clean dry firewood is permitted to be burned in fire pits. Burning prohibited materials can cause dense smoke and offensive odors to neighbouring properties.
- Smoke from fire pits can cause adverse health effects in some people. Be aware of neighbours that may be negatively impacted by exposure to smoke from outdoor fire pits.
- Before using your fire pit, familiarize yourself with optimal wind conditions and take precautions to prevent smoke from disturbing your neighbours.
 - High winds (20km and greater) may pose a fire hazard.
 - Low wind speeds may contribute to poor air quality and reduce smoke dissipation.
- A metal grill/screen on top of the fire pit is required to be used, this reduces the size of the flame and helps prevent sparks and embers from escaping and igniting nearby materials.



Common Questions:

Does the Bylaw pertain to new or existing fire pits?

Both. All fire pits must be in compliance with the Bylaw.

Is there a list of Prohibited Materials?

Yes. Prohibited Materials is defined in the definition section of the Bylaw.

What happens if a neighbour files a complaint about my fire pit?

If the fire department is responding to a complaint where there is a public safety concern, they will immediately extinguish the fire. If the fire department suspects the fire pit is not in compliance with the Bylaw, the Town of Blackfalds Enforcement Department will be notified and an Officer will investigate.

What happens if my fire pit is found to be in contravention of the Bylaw?

The Town of Blackfalds Enforcement Department may issue a remedial order to the property owner requiring them to make the necessary modifications so the fire pit will be in compliance with the Bylaw. Applicable penalties and cost recovery may be imposed.

Who do I call to make a complaint?

Both the RCMP and Blackfalds Enforcement may respond by calling the following numbers:

RCMP Complaint	403-885-3300
Blackfalds Enforcement	403-885-0020
Emergency	911

For additional information related to fire pits, please call the Blackfalds Fire Department 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday at 403-885-4144.

To view the "Fire Protection Bylaw 1187/15" visit www.blackfalds.com.

