

TOWN OF GRIMSHAW

RESIDENTIAL FIRE PITS AND FIREPLACES POLICY

Policy Objective:

To provide clear direction on installation of fire pits or fireplaces in residential backyards.

Policy:

The following requirements must be complied with when installing a fire pit or fireplace in the back yard of any residential property for recreational or cooking uses only:

1. Fire pits or fireplaces must be set three (3) meters away from fences, property lines and buildings.
2. Fire pits or fireplaces must be constructed of a non-combustible structure, with fire pits having a heavy gauge metal screen with a mesh size not larger than 13 millimeters to catch sparks.
3. Any person wishing to install a fire pit or fireplace must submit a site plan of where the structure is to be located in their backyard, and a design plan of the proposed structure to the Town Office. All such plans shall be forwarded to the Grimshaw Volunteer Fire Department for their comments prior to Senior Administration granting approval.
4. Only clean combustibles shall be burned in the fire pits or fireplaces.
5. Not burning permit shall be required upon the Town approving of the proposed structure.
6. Any contravention of this policy, either in whole or in part shall cause the approval to become null and void immediately.
7. Enforcement of this policy shall be at the discretion of the Grimshaw Voluntary Fire Department or the Grimshaw RCMP Detachment.
8. Portable fire pits do not require approval by the Grimshaw Volunteer Fire Department, however portable fire pits are to be used according to manufacturers instructions, and only clean combustibles shall be burned in the fire pit.