



**Town of Battleford**

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<b>Policy Title:</b> Outdoor Fire Appliances Rules and Regulations	<b>Adopted By:</b> Council	<b>Effective Date:</b> May 4, 2021
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**Purpose:**

Fire appliance regulations govern the safe use of both fire appliances and outdoor fireplaces.

A warm fire in our yard is a great way to spend time outdoors with our family. When used safely and properly, fire appliances can provide many hours of enjoyment. It is important to know the requirements for their construction and safe use.

**Policy:**

**FIRE APPLIANCES**

Open fires shall not be set unless the following measures are taken to limit their spread:

- Be limited to a diameter of seventy-five (75) centimeters (29.5) inches and be ringed with a non-combustible product.
- The appliance or product shall be separated from grass and any other vegetation by a distance of at least forty (40) centimeters (15.7) inches by means of clean earth, sand, gravel or other non-combustible medium.
- A receptacle/The fire box must be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with openings not exceeding (13) millimeters (1/2) inch to contain sparks.
- Fire appliances cannot be used between the hours of 2 am and 9 am.
- The fire must be contained in a non-combustible receptacle made of cement, brick, clay, or sheet metal with a minimum 18-gauge thickness.
- The size of the fire box must not exceed (82) centimeters (32) inches in any dimension.

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- The fire appliance must be located a minimum of (3) meters (10) feet from any combustible material, such as buildings, porches, and decks.
- Fire appliances cannot be placed on combustible decks or apartment balconies.
- Fire appliances must be situated on a non-combustible surface.
- Fire appliances shall be clear of overhangs, such as tree branches, utility lines and structures.
- Fire appliances must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Any person who uses a fire appliance shall have a means of extinguishing the fire readily accessible at all times.
- The only permitted fuels are charcoal, seasoned wood or manufactured fire logs.
- Fire appliances must be extinguished if smoke causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property.
- The cooking fire shall be located on private property, a distance of at least (3) meters (10) feet from any property line, building or other combustible structure.
- Fire appliances shall not be used in windy conditions.
- In the event the Fire Chief issues a Fire Ban, the use of fire appliance is prohibited.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Material which may be burned shall consist only of charcoal or cut, seasoned wood. The burning of the following material is prohibited:
  - Rubbish/Garbage.
  - Garden refuse.
  - Manure
  - Livestock or animal carcasses.
  - Any material classified as a dangerous good and any material which, when burned, will generate black smoke or an offensive odor including insulation from electrical wiring or equipment, asphalt roofing materials, hydrocarbons, plastics, rubber materials, creosoted wood, or any similar material.
2. Fires must be reasonably supervised to prevent their spread.
3. Fire shall be adequately ventilated to ensure proper combustion and to prevent an unreasonable accumulation of smoke.
4. Fires must not be set in windy conditions conducive to creating a running fire or a nuisance to another person.

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5. If smoke from a fire causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property, the fire must be extinguished immediately.
6. The person who the permit is issued to is responsible for any or all damages as a result of burning.

**How to get your Fire Appliance inspected and approved?**

1. Please adhere to the requirements mentioned above and come to Town Hall to obtain your Outdoor Fire Appliance Permit. Keep the receipt.
2. Call the Battleford Fire Department at 306-937-6210 to set up an inspection appointment.
3. Present the receipt of the permit to the Fire Department when they come to inspect your fire appliance.

The Fire Department will inspect to determine whether the fire appliance complies with proper regulations.

If the Fire Inspector determines it is not being used properly, they can order that the fire appliance immediately be made to conform to regulations. Or the Fire Inspector may order the fire appliance to be extinguished. The Fire Inspector may also issue a \$150 fine.

If you are not sure whether the fire appliance in your backyard is compliant, please inquire at the Fire Department at 306-937-6210.

