

Residential Fire Pit Guidelines

Wood or charcoal fueled fire pits

Construction Materials

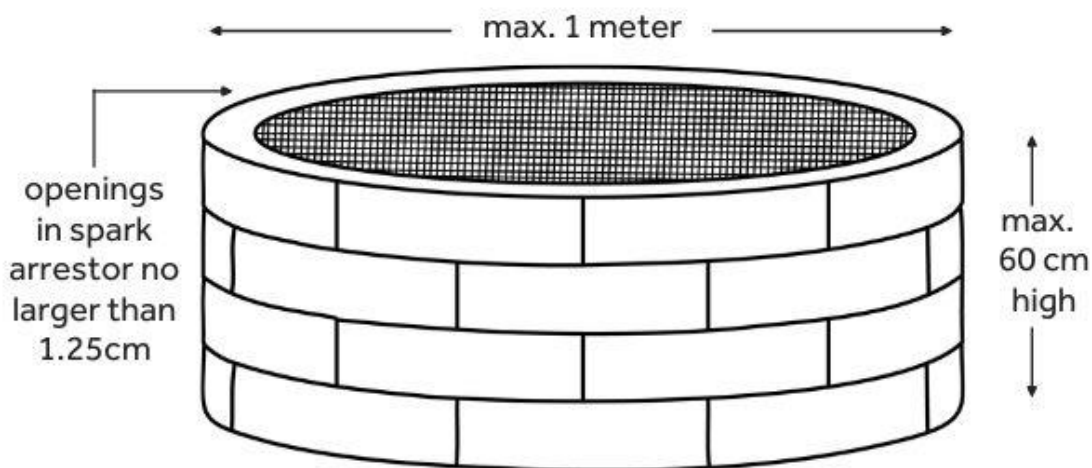
Wood or charcoal burning fire pits must be construction of non-combustible materials. Approved materials include masonry brick, concrete blocks, or heavy-gauge metal to form an enclosed burning area.

The fire pit, permanent or portable, must also be set on a non-combustible base, such as patio bricks or sidewalk blocks.

Screen

Use of a mesh screen to stop sparks (spark-arrestor) during burning is mandatory. Use 13mm (1/2 inch) metal mesh screen to cover the top opening of the fire pit.

- The maximum burning area is 1 meter (3 feet) across
- The minimum height is 0.3 meters (1 foot) – measuring from ground level to the top of the fire pit
- The maximum height is 0.6 meters (2 feet) – measuring from ground level to the top of the fire pit



Placement

- No less than three meters (10 feet) from any structure (including but not limited to: fences, decks, garages, sheds, houses, property lines, or roadways)
- No less than three meters (10 feet) from any vegetation, such as trees or shrubbery

- Have a mesh screen on top to stop sparks (spark-arrestor) with openings smaller than 1.25 centimeters (1/2 inch)

Fuel

Burn clean wood or charcoal only, no treated or painted wood or household, garden or yard waste.

Propane or natural gas fueled fire pits and heaters

Construction Materials

Propane or natural gas fueled fire pits and heaters must be ULC/CSA approved. The fire pit or heater must be certified for outdoor use and assembled, installed, and operated following the manufacturer's instructions.

Placement

Fire pit must be used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. If no recommendations can be found a minimum distance of 1.22 meters from any combustible material should be observed.

Fuel

Operate with natural gas or propane only.