

The Town of Morinville would like to help simplify the process for having a fire on your property. We ask that a few considerations are taken to ensure everyone can safely start, supervise and extinguish the fire adequately and safely for you and your neighbors/community. Each property owner/renter requires a permit for an outside fire that is in an approved barbeque or fire pit. The permits, fire pit guidelines and the Fire Services Bylaw can be acquired through the Town of Morinville website on the Fire Department page at [www.morinville.ca/en/living-here/fire-department.aspx](http://www.morinville.ca/en/living-here/fire-department.aspx) or by calling 780-939-4162 or 780-939-4361 . The purpose for the permit is to assure that you as the property owner/renter are aware of your responsibilities and any possible eventualities the fire may or may not have.

The Town of Morinville would like you to take a common sense approach for building your fire, keeping in mind a few simple rules/steps/considerations. Remember if you start a fire you are responsible until it is fully extinguished. When you plan properly the potential for unwanted spread of your fire will be drastically reduced. We ask that you be considerate to your neighbors and the surrounding community when lighting your fire.

**If your fire gets out of control....  
the sooner you call  
911  
the better!**



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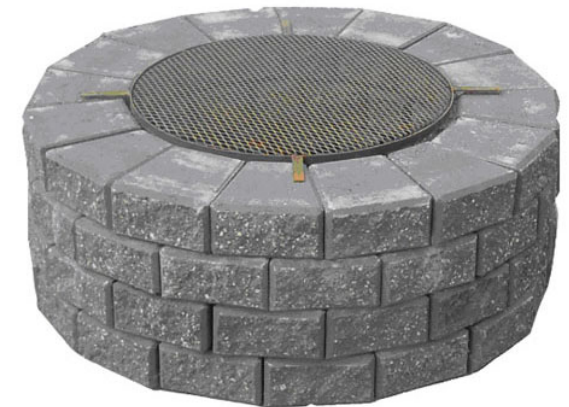
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**Town of Morinville  
Fire Pits and  
Outdoor Fires.**



## Does it require a permit?

**Natural Gas / Propane Barbeques** – No restrictions are placed or permits required as long as it is an approved appliance and it is placed appropriately clear of all combustible materials and structures. (Not under overhangs, trees, shrubs or enclosed areas.)

**Fire pits** – Permits and site approval is required for an approved fire pit and it must be placed appropriately clear of all combustible materials and structures. All permanent and portable wood burning fire pits require a permit. You do not require a permit for propane fire pits, but you must follow the manufacturers instructions.

## Placement of the fire pit.

All fires should be a minimum of 3 meters from any structure, flammable object or property line. This includes overhangs, trees & plants. The ground surrounding the fire must be non-combustible dirt, stones, rocks, sand, gravel, concrete or masonry. It is the responsibility of the owner/renter to supervise and remove any temporary objects inside the 3 meter zone such as chairs, tables or unburnt wood that could have the potential of melting or igniting. Do not place your fire pit near any utilities or services. You can call Alberta One Call at 1-800-242-3447 or visit their website at [www.albertaonecall.com](http://www.albertaonecall.com) to check the location of utilities on your property. Check to see if your fire could possibly let smoke enter into any structure or dwelling. Keeping the smoke away from fresh air vents and any openings that may draw smoke inside. Try to keep the smoke from drifting onto adjacent properties/roads as to be respectful and considerate when burning. Remember to check the surrounding area for any potential sources for the unwanted spread of your fire.

## What are you burning?

It is recommended that only clean dry wood, charcoal barbeque bricks, small dry branches & small amounts of dry yard clippings be burnt. Propane and Natural gas are fine to burn as long as they are being delivered by an approved appliance and regulator. Be mindful of the substances you burn as well as the moisture content.

## What NOT to Burn

When wet grasses, leaves and garden waste, garbage are burnt they produce high volume of dense dark smoke that can trigger an unwanted response from your local fire department. This may tie up resources that could be better used elsewhere.

Please do not burn household garbage such as wet organic waste, plastic, rubber, disposable diapers, glossy coloured paper, magazines, particle board, treated lumber or other materials that when burned give off offensive odours and visible/toxic smoke! No liquid fuels, oil, gas or diesel. No treated lumber, No furniture.

## What is the size of your fire?

Your fire will require that owners keep fires under control by fueling your fire as to burn clean, odour free minimizing sparks the radiant heat that can cause unwanted spreading. Slowly feed in fuel to avoid large flare ups. You must provide the water and resources to control your fire in the event of any changes in weather, environment or situation. Making sure the conditions are reasonable for the size of your fire is crucial. Larger burns may have to be scaled back to match the conditions. Fires may only have a flame of 90cm (36 inches) Maximum in height above ground level. Large outside uncontained bon fires are not acceptable at any time of year.

## What are the conditions?

Once the proper permits and regulations have been met the next step before proceeding with your fire is to check the local conditions for the duration of your fire. Check to see if the conditions will allow for a safe burn. Wind, humidity, size and placement of your fire all play a crucial role in determining the risks associated with starting and safely maintaining your burning area.

Current restrictions and Fire hazard levels can be found at [www.morinville.ca](http://www.morinville.ca) or at [www.wildfire.alberta.ca/prevention/fire-ban-system.aspx](http://www.wildfire.alberta.ca/prevention/fire-ban-system.aspx).

Wind speed & direction are factors to consider when planning your fire. A wind speed of under 15km/hr without gusts is optimum. Remembering that the direction will carry smoke, embers & sparks into areas that may cause hazards or the unwanted spread of your fire. Check your local forecast before lighting up. Environment Canada has forecasting and can be found at

[www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)

Consider the time of day you will be burning as conditions for the unwanted spread may increase. As well as the nuisance of smoke and excess noise during the night and evening. It is a good idea talk to neighbors to let them know of your burning plans to avoid unwanted calls to fire department and to be considerate.

## Is your fire out?

The final step before leaving the site of the fire on your property is to make sure your fire is totally out. It is your responsibility as the owner/renter to assure extinguishment. This means NO Heat, No flame, No smoke, No sparks or embers. Always check surrounding areas for signs of possible scorching and spreading. Embers may travel a long way or be persistent so make sure that you thoroughly check the surrounding area for signs unwanted burning.