

Fires on the driveway: The safe way to do it

Get outdoors and rekindle neighbourhood connections around a fire on your driveway.

Residents can enjoy a fire on their driveway every Friday & Saturday between the hours of 12 p.m. (noon) and 12 a.m. (midnight). Residents must obey quiet hours as stipulated in [Community Standards Bylaw 5/2019](#).

It is strongly recommended to use a propane fire pit as it does not produce smoke or sparks and is easier to extinguish.

Propane fire pits do not require a fire pit permit. Fire permits are required for wood burning fires at all other times, except during Fridays & Saturdays. If you do not have a fire pit permit, and plan on having a wood burning fire at any other time, you can obtain one at www.morinville.ca/fire or by calling 780-939-4162 or 780-939-4361. **PLEASE NOTE:** Fires on your driveway are only permitted on Fridays and Saturdays ONLY.

PORTABLE WOOD FIRE PIT REQUIRED PARAMETERS

If you are using a portable wood fire pit, please follow the following parameters:

Parameters	Details
Location of the Fire Pit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least three metres (10 feet) from your property lines. • At least three metres (10 feet) from any structure. This includes structures like fences, decks, garages, sheds, houses, or any other hard to move structure. • At least three metres (10 feet) from any vegetation, such as trees or shrubbery.
Seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All seating around your fire must move easily and be made of materials that do not easily catch fire or burn.
Fire Pit Construction and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable wood burning fire pits must be constructed of non-combustible heavy gauge metal to form an enclosed burning area. • The metal fire container must be no greater than 1 metre (3 feet 3 inches) inside diameter or measurement and no less than 0.6 metres (1 foot 11 inches) in height. • All openings in the fire containing device must be covered with a metal spark arrestor with a maximum hole size of 1.25 centimetres (1/2 inch).

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Fire Pit Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The flame height can be no more than 90 centimeters (3 feet) • The fire must always be attended by an adult who is competent to supervise it. • A material capable of extinguishing the fire must be located no further than 2 metres (6.5 feet) from the fire containing device. Acceptable extinguishing capability would consist of a container of water or sand of not less than 20 litres (5 gallons), or a garden hose connected to a reliable water outlet. • Only clean, dry wood is to be used for fuel.
Do Not Burn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage or painted wood. • Yard or garden refuse such as tree trimmings, leaves and grass. • Construction materials. • Any material made of or containing rubber, plastic, or tar.

Fire Services may require a fire to be extinguished if the fire creates a hazard for reasons including but not limited to:

- The fire is not being tended properly.
- The fire or smoke coming from the fire is creating a nuisance for other property owners.
- The fire is creating a risk of spreading outside of its container.