



BRANDON FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

REGULATION 30

Fire Prevention Division

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Approved Outdoor Burning Appliance Permit Requirements

Only Permit Application forms that are current dated (see date on bottom of forms) will be accepted. An Approved Outdoor Burning Appliance Permit application requires; and **No Permit** may be issued without the following items:

1. Completion of “Approved Outdoor Burning Appliance Permit Application”.
2. Written permission to use an Approved Outdoor Burning Appliance from the property owner or agent of the land (if different than the applicant).
3. An inspection of the proposed site / appliance will be required prior to issuing the permit.

“ACCEPTABLE FIRE PIT” means an outdoor receptacle that meets the following specifications:

- (i) a minimum of 1.5 metres (5 feet) clearance, measured from the nearest fire pit edge, is maintained from buildings, property lines, or other combustible material;
- (ii) the fire pit height does not exceed 50 cm (20 inches) when measured from the surrounding grade to the top of the pit opening;
- (iii) the fire pit opening does not exceed 75 cm (30 inches) in width or in diameter when measured between the widest points or outside edges;
- (iv) The brick, stone, concrete or heavy gauge metal shall be separated from grass and any other vegetation by a distance of at least 16 cm (6 inches) by means of clean earth, sand, gravel or other non-combustible medium;
- (v) shall not be used on wooden decks or other combustible surfaces; the fire pit installation has enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal, or other non-combustible materials acceptable to the Fire Chief or designate;
- (vi) a spark arrestor mesh screen with openings no larger than 1.25 cm (.5 inches) and constructed of expanded metal (or equivalent non-combustible material) must be used at all times to cover the fire pit opening in a manner sufficient to contain and reduce the hazards of airborne sparks; and
- (vii) the fire pit shall not be used to burn prohibited debris.

“ACCEPTABLE FIREPLACE, STOVE AND CHIMINEA” means an outdoor receptacle that meets the following specifications:

- (i) a minimum of 1.5 metres (5 feet) clearance measured from the nearest fireplace edge is maintained from buildings, property lines, or other combustible material;
- (ii) is constructed of materials that are heat and flame resistant;

- (iii) shall not be used on wooden decks unless located 1.5 metres (5 feet) from any property line, building or other combustible structure and placed on a non-combustible surface extending 40 cm (16 inches) from the widest part of the appliance;
- (iv) is equipped with a secured chimney;
- (v) the chimney is equipped with a regulation screen no larger than 1.25 cm (.5 inches) and constructed of expanded metal (or equivalent non-combustible materials) and is designed to contain and reduce the hazards of airborne sparks;
- (vi) the base of the fire burning area is not less than .3 metres (12 inches) above the surrounding grade;
- (vii) the base of the fire burning appliance shall be placed upon a non-combustible surface such as earth, concrete, metal or other non-combustible materials acceptable to the Fire Chief or his designate;
- (viii) the fire chamber does not exceed 75 cm (30 inches) in width, does not exceed 60 cm (24 inches) in height and is at least 40 cm (16 inches) but no more than 60 cm (24 inches) in depth;
- (ix) outdoor solid fuel appliances shall be located on a flat, level and non-combustible base clear of overhangs such as roofs, tree branches and utility wires; and
- (x) the fireplace or stove shall not be used to burn prohibited debris.

Failure to comply may result in fines according to the Open Air Fire Regulation. If Fire Pits are used without the necessary permit, offenders may be ticketed without warning. The fee for failing to comply with the regulation is \$400 as per the Open Air Fire Regulation 30.

Note: The City of Brandon Fire & Emergency Services reserves the right to regulate and control the design, construction materials and safety precautions of all fire pits, fireplaces or stoves within the corporate limits of the City of Brandon and any land under the care of the City of Brandon.

Please ensure that the following steps have been taken before you contact BFES to inspect your fire pit:

1. The fire pit has been purchased and is set up in the desired location.
2. Ensure that all of the criteria has been met regarding the construction and placement of the fire pit.
3. If you are renting the property, please have a letter of permission from the property owner.
4. Ensure that any necessary surveys have been completed.
5. Complete the “Required Steps for a Fire Pit Application” checklist.
6. Keep a copy of the fire pit permit for yourself, as well as one for BFES.
A copy of the permit must be available at all times and upon request.

Please note: A firepit application does not need to be renewed annually. A new fire pit application is required upon a change of property ownership or if the original application has changed.

Permits are issued subject to any applicable fees as set out in the City of Brandon Fee Schedule.

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Fires shall not be set in windy conditions conducive to creating a running fire or a nuisance to another person, and the use of outdoor burning appliances is prohibited when a poor air quality advisory is issued by the Province of Manitoba.

The use of outdoor burning appliances are limited to the hours between 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. Fires shall be supervised at all times so as to prevent their spread.