

FIRE PIT SAFETY



You can help keep Edmonton safe by checking albertafirebans.ca or by calling 311 before you burn to find out if there is a fire ban in Edmonton. If you are using a fire pit, it must meet the standards outlined in the City of Edmonton Community Standards Bylaw.



According to this bylaw, your fire pit must:

- + Be at least 10 feet (3 metres) away from buildings, property lines, overhead power lines and any other combustibles like trees.
- + Not exceed 2 feet (0.6 metres) in height.
- + Not exceed 3 feet (1 metre) in width or diameter.
- + Have enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete blocks or heavy-gauge metal.

- + Have a spark-arrestor mesh screen with openings no larger than 1.25 cm (0.5 inch).

Properly dispose of ashes.

- + Allow ashes to completely cool before disposing them. Place ashes in a covered metal container. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from the home and other buildings.

ROAST WITH CARE

Roasting marshmallows?
Making s'mores?

- + Remember to help young children.
- + Never shake a roasting marshmallow stick – it can turn into a flying, flaming ball. Heated metal skewers can also cause burns.

It is illegal to burn rubber, plastic, or any material that generates unacceptable amounts of dense smoke which can be noxious, offensive and toxic.

Practice safe burning to prevent burns and injuries.

- + Avoid burning on windy, dry days.
- + Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel with dirt or sand nearby to extinguish the fire.
- + Never leave a burning fire unattended.
- + Never let children or pets play or stand too close to a burning fire.
- + Treat a burn as soon as possible. Cool the burn with cold water for 3–5 minutes, then cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

- + If your clothes catch fire, Stop, Drop and Roll continually until the fire is out.

Keep the area clean and clear of combustibles.

- + Clear away dry leaves and sticks, and any overhanging low branches or shrubs.

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