

# Residential Fire Pits in Meadow Lake

*For the full regulations regarding fire pits, please refer to the Outdoor Recreational Fire Bylaw No. 15/2015*

## Permits and Inspections

- *Be sure that all requirements listed on the permit are complete before calling for inspection*
- Each fire appliance requires a permit and must be inspected by a City official.
- The complete regulations are included on the permit form
- The cost for the permit is \$20.00, to be paid at City Hall.
- Permits are valid for 5 years.
- The fire pit must be re-inspected for approval of the 5-year permit renewal, or if it is altered or relocated on the property

## Materials and Dimensions

- Fire receptacles must be
  - sturdily constructed of approved materials as specified in the Bylaw,
  - fitted with a spark arrester and
  - permanently installed on a non-combustible base
- Metal appliances that are deemed unsuitable for burning wood may be suitable acceptable for use with charcoal briquettes
- All openings must be covered by a heavy gauge metal screen, with openings of 13mm (1/2 inch) or smaller.

## Location

- The fire pit must be at least 3 meters (10 feet) from any property line, building or other combustibles, at least 6 meters (20 feet) from any residential dwelling and not under a power line

## General Regulations

- Maintain your fire pit in good condition. Discard if deteriorated
- Burn approved materials only (seasoned wood, charcoal briquettes).
- Burning of refuse or synthetic materials is expressly forbidden.
- Please be considerate: If smoke from your fire causes a nuisance to other residents, put your fire out.
- Be aware of the requirements of the Noise Bylaw
- If written complaints are received from neighboring residents, the City may require the fire pit to be removed, and penalties may be assessed.

*Below are some examples of permitted and non-permitted fire pits:*



Needs a non-combustible base



Spark arrestor too small



Requires spark arrestors and to be permanently attached to the base



Requires a spark arrestor and permanent attachment to a non-combustible base



Loose fieldstones not permitted



Metal too thin - Charcoal briquettes only