



THE TOWN OF SWAN RIVER

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Backyard Barbecues and Fire Pits

For all General Requirements and Restrictions see the Fire Prevention and Emergency Services Bylaw

Bylaw basics

- 1) Permit is required (\$25.00) and application is made at the Town office with the Town's Building Inspector.
- 2) A site plan must accompany the permit application showing location of the pit on the lot. It must include distances to buildings and combustible items (shrubs, trees, wood piles). A minimum of 10 feet is required between the pit and combustibles as well as between the pit and adjacent property lines.
- 3) A concrete block or stone foundation being of level and stable construction is required to prevent leaning or other failure of the pit structure and provide a fireproof base.
- 4) A metal grate over the open fire to limit ember spread and prevent direct access to the fire by children
- 5) The pit shall not exceed a height of 18 inches when measured from the bottom of the pit to the top of the pit opening and must allow correct placement of a metal grate.
- 6) If mounted in the ground, the top of the pit must extend a minimum of 6 inches above grade.
- 7) The pit shall not exceed a diameter of 2.5 feet or have a length or width exceeding 2.5 feet.
- 8) Building Inspector must inspect once pit is completed prior to use.

For additional information refer to the Bylaw located on the Town website.