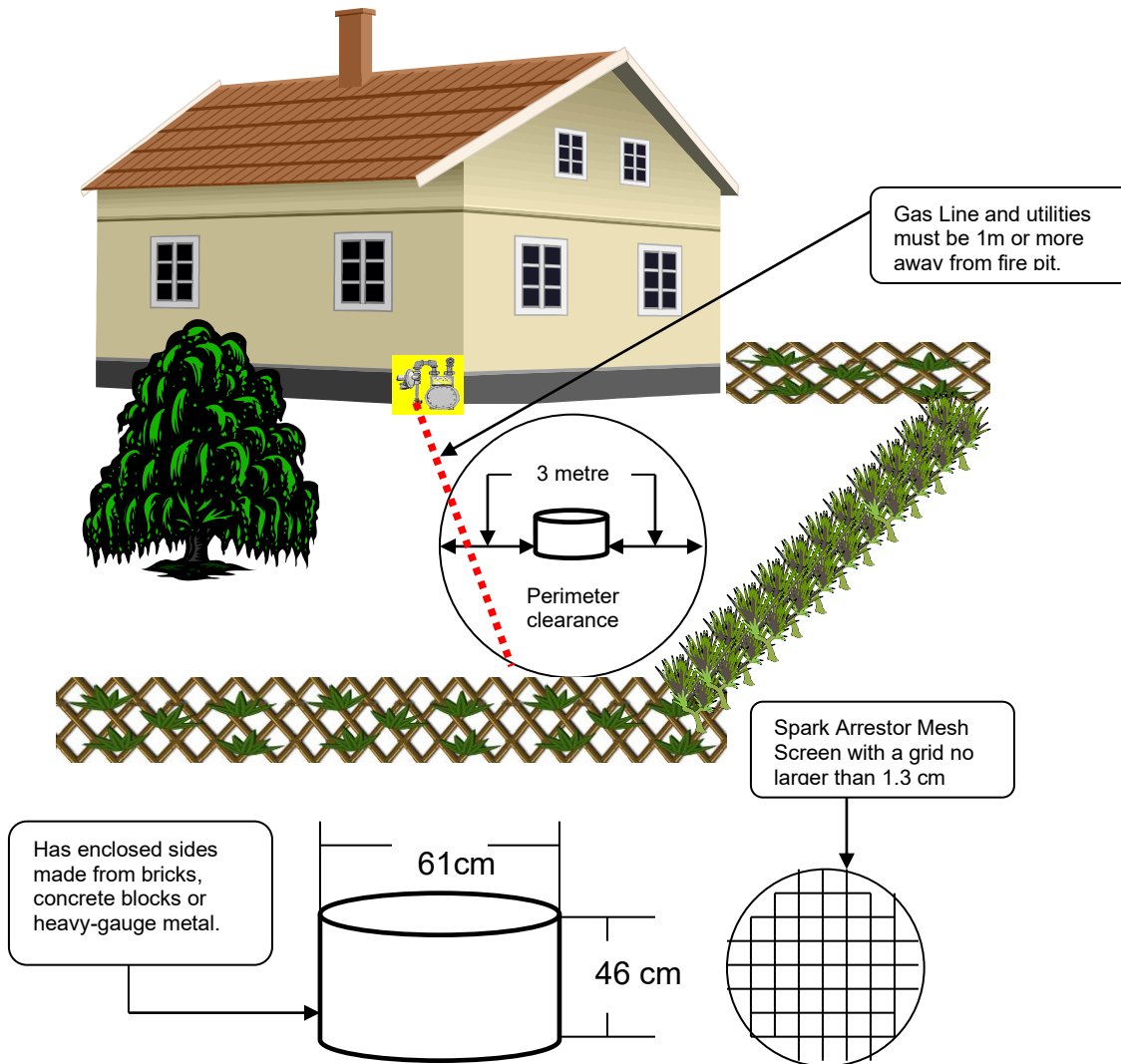


# CITY OF CAMROSE BY-LAW # 2867/15

## FIRE PITS, OUTDOOR FIREPLACES AND STATIONARY BARBECUES (INCLUDING CHIMINEAS & PORTABLE FIRE PITS)



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. If I have a fire pit or an outdoor fireplace (Chimineas and portable fire pits), do I need a permit?**

**A.** Yes, permits are required for all fire pits, outdoor fireplaces (Chimineas, portable) and stationary barbecues.

**Q. If I have purchased a home with a fire pit in place, do I need to obtain a permit?**

**A.** Yes, the permit is issued to the user. It is also a good idea to ensure that the fire pit is in compliance with the fire bylaw.

**Q. What is an acceptable requirement for a fire pit?**

- A.** Defined by bylaw #2687/15
- Is at least 3 meters (10 feet) from buildings, combustible materials and property lines.
  - Does not exceed 46 cm (18 inches) in height
  - Does not exceed 61 cm (24 inches) in diameter.
  - Has enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete blocks or heavy-gauge metal
  - Has a spark arrestor mesh screen no larger than 1.3 cm (1/2 inches) openings.

*(More questions and answers on back ....)*

**Q. How do I obtain a fire permit?**

A. Contact the Camrose Fire Department at 672-2906 from 08:00 am – 4:30 pm, Mon–Fri. The fire pit construction permit involves:

- 1) Gas line and Utilities locate  
**Alberta One Call 1-800-242-3447 or online at [www.albertaonecall.com](http://www.albertaonecall.com)**
- 2) Site inspection prior to construction
- 3) Final inspection when construction is complete.

If you have an existing fire pit, one inspection may only be required depending on the condition of the fire pit. Follow-up may be required.

**Q. What can I burn in the fire pit?**

A. Only clean fuel shall be used (clean, dry wood, or charcoal). Refuse or waste matter shall not be burned.

**Q. Is there a fee for a permit?**

A. Yes. There is a one-time, \$31.75 fee to monitor types of construction and location of fire pits. If you require a permit or have any questions contact the Camrose Fire Department at 780-672-2906.

**Q. What are the penalties for not complying with the Bylaw?**

A. Guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw, and upon summary conviction is liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than six (6) months or to a fine or not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$10,000.00, or both fine and imprisonment, with the possible addition of the cost of fire response.

**Q. What are my responsibilities while use of a fire pit?**

- A. The use of such installations shall ensure that smoke or sparks do not create a nuisance or hazard to neighbors or other properties.
- Don't use gasoline to start a fire.
  - Shall have the spark arrestor mesh screen on the fire pit while burning.
  - Should not leave the fire pit burning unattended.
  - Be courteous, inform neighbors of use.
  - Prepare to extinguish (garden hose, buckets with water/sand, fire extinguisher).
  - Always keep area around fire pit tidy and clean. (General housekeeping).
  - Put fire out when finished with it.

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