



Enjoying Your Backyard Fire Pit

Relaxing around a backyard fire pit is one of the joys of summer - or any season! It's up to you to burn safely, burn responsibly and burn respectfully.

1. **NEW!** Burn only between 2:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Barbecues and other outdoor cooking appliances exempt (full list online).
2. Keep your fire at least three metres from buildings, overhanging soffits, trees or anything combustible.
3. Burn only dry, cut, seasoned firewood or charcoal briquettes.
4. Make sure your backyard fire is not a nuisance to your neighbours.

If drifting, nuisance smoke is an issue in your neighbourhood, call: Saskatoon Fire Department **306-975-3030** (In an emergency call 9-1-1)



A great city is one where everyone can enjoy the outdoors...be a good neighbour!

Burn Safely

- Locate your fire pit at least three metres away from buildings, trees or anything that could catch fire. Measure from the edge of overhanging soffits or branches.
- Cover your fire with a mesh spark screen with openings 13 mm (1/2 inch) or smaller.
- Your fire should be no wider or taller than 0.61m (two feet).
- Always supervise your fire and always have ample water on hand for putting it out completely.
- Wind and fire don't mix. If there's anything more than a light breeze (15 km/hr), wait for calmer weather.



Burn Responsibly

- Your container must be fire proof. Think cement, brick or metal that's at least 18-gauge.
- Burn only dry, cut, seasoned wood or charcoal briquettes. Remember, burn it where you buy it - firewood from different regions can spread pests and diseases like Dutch Elm (speaking of which, elm branches go to the landfill - not your fire pit, not for compost).
- Your fire pit is **not** an incinerator! Garbage, animal carcasses, plastics or rubber cannot be burned. Visit saskatoon.ca/wastewizard and find out how to dispose of these materials - properly!



Burn Respectfully

- Smoke affects some people's health. If your fire produces drifting, nuisance smoke, you must put it out.
- If the air is already smoky, let's not make it worse. If you see or hear a Special Air Quality Index bulletin, postpone your fire to another day.
- Let your neighbours know you're planning a fire. They will appreciate the advance notice - especially if they're sensitive to smoke.
- Consider switching to a natural gas or propane fire pit. Cleaner burning - and no nuisance smoke.

