Permits are required for fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and barbecues (fire receptacles) for the purpose of cooking or obtaining warmth, provided the appliances for cooking or obtaining warmth are not used on the property of the resident, or in a public area at a location approved by the authority having jurisdiction. Manufactured and approved barbecues are exempt.

Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and barbecues shall meet the following requirements:

1. A minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) clearance shall be maintained from any buildings, property lines, overhead wires, trees or any combustible materials.

2. Installations shall have enclosed sides, a minimum height of 450mm (18 inches from ground level) and a maximum width of 900mm (36 inches).

3. Installations shall be made of bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal or other suitable non-combustible components.

4. A spark arrestor mesh screen of ½ inch expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks shall be provided for over the fire.

5. Only clean fuel shall be used (clean, dry wood or charcoal).

6. Fires must be supervised at all times.

Refuse or waste materials shall not be burned as this will create dense smoke or offensive odours.

Permits are issued by the Fire Department ph: 403-529-8282.