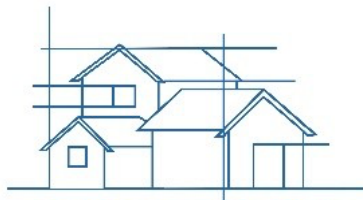


# FIREPITS AND YOU

Regulations concerning Firepits within  
the Town of Minnedosa



TANNER'S CROSSING  
PLANNING DISTRICT

## ACCEPTABLE FIREPITS

In 2011, in the interests of public safety, the Town of Minnedosa enacted By-law No. 2514, Open Air Fire By-law. This brochure sets out some basic information from the By-law. For complete information, contact the Tanner's Crossing Planning District or the Town of Minnedosa.



Burning devices must comply with all regulations. In order to be deemed an Acceptable Fire Pit under the By-law, a fire device must meet the following minimum specifications:



- Distance from the fire pit at its closest edge to any buildings, property lines or combustible material is a minimum of 3.7 meters (12 feet)
- Minimum separation from fire pit to any vegetation is 40 cm (16 inches) by means of earth, sand, gravel or other non-combustible material
- Fire pit must be constructed of heat and flame resistant materials
- If there is a chimney, it must be secured, and not more than 2.5 meters (8 feet) in height, measured from base of burning area
- A Fireplace chimney must be equipped with a regulation screen no larger than 1.25 cm (½ inch) and constructed of expanded metal (or equivalent non-combustible materials), designed to contain and reduce airborne sparks. If no chimney is used, the same regulation screen is required
- The base of the fire burning area is not less than 0.3 meters (12 inches) above the surrounding grade
- The base of the fire burning appliance shall be placed upon a non-combustible surface such as earth, concrete, metal or other non-combustible materials

- Outdoor solid fuel appliances shall be located on a flat, level and noncombustible base, clear of all overhangs, such as roofs, tree branches, utility wires, etc.

## **EXEMPT FROM BY-LAW NO. 2514**

- The cooking of food using a portable barbecue
- Burning in fireplaces within or attached to dwellings, as provided by legislation
- Burning in an incinerator for which a permit is required
- Burning by the Minnedosa Fire Department for training purposes or controlled burns

## **PROHIBITED DEBRIS**

The following materials are prohibited and must not be burned:

- Rubbish
- Garden refuse, lawn clippings or leaves
- Manure
- Animal carcasses
- Any material classified as a dangerous good
- Any material which, when burned, will generate black smoke or an offensive odor, such as:
  - Insulation from electrical wiring
  - Asphalt or roofing materials
  - Hydrocarbons
  - Plastics, used oil
  - Rubber materials, including tires
  - Creosote wood, etc.

## **ACCEPTABLE BURNING MATERIALS**

Charcoal, cut or seasoned wood are considered acceptable burning materials under the By-law.

For more information, please contact the Town of Minnedosa.

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