

Public Service Announcement

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City of Edmonton

Learn before you burn

Spring has sprung, backyard firepit season has begun, and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services is reminding Edmontonians to "learn before they burn."

Edmontonians are responsible for ensuring their backyard firepits are safe. Firepits must:

- Be at least three metres (10 feet) from buildings, property lines and anything else that could catch fire
- Have fully enclosed sides constructed from bricks, concrete, or heavy-gauge metal
- Not exceed two feet in height, or three feet in width
- Include a cover with openings no larger than 1.25 centimeters



Edmontonians should only burn clean, dry, untreated wood, charcoal or natural gas in their firepits. Yard waste, grass clippings, garbage, paper or cardboard, or any other material that creates excessive smoke is prohibited. Firepits should never be left unattended and all hot embers must be extinguished when done.

The fine for disregarding the Community Standards Bylaw regulating the use of firepits is \$250. To report a nuisance concern with the use of a firepit in their neighbourhood, Edmontonians should contact Community Standards Peace Officers at 311. If a fire poses a threat to public safety, Edmontonians should call 911 immediately.

For more information on fire prevention and safety, please visit edmonton.ca/fireprevention.

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