

# OUTDOOR FIRES

## What You Need To Know



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Outdoor fires are now permissible within the limits of the City of Saskatoon

However, residents must use common sense to ensure the safety of our community.

Outdoor fires must be contained in non-combustible appliances that meet fire regulations.  
(See inside for further information)

Only seasoned wood and charcoal are acceptable forms of fuel for outdoor fires.

Materials such as rubbish, garden refuse and manure shall not be burned within the City limits.

## Outdoor fires are permitted within Saskatoon City limits.

*In the past, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services (SFPS) responded to complaints about outdoor fires, which were started in a variety of different configurations, ranging from grass piles to outdoor brick fireplaces.*

*Until 1993, SFPS requested all fires that were not in approved barbecues, be extinguished.*

*Unfortunately, this often put SFPS in the position of expending resources to resolve neighbourhood disputes rather than investigating actual fire hazards.*

*This pamphlet has been produced to explain the regulations and guidelines controlling outdoor fires in straight forward, easy to understand terms.*

**Fire and Protective Services Bylaw No. 7990** provides for outdoor fires within the City limits subject to five conditions:

1. Fires must be contained within a non-combustible appliance constructed of material such as cement, brick, or metal of at least 18 gauge, and covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with openings no larger than 13 mm.
2. The size of the fire box of any outdoor burning facility shall not exceed .61 cubic metres.
3. Only cut seasoned wood or charcoal shall be used to fuel outdoor fires.
4. All outdoor fires shall have responsible supervision at all times.
5. No person shall light an outdoor fire when the weather conditions are conducive to creating a running fire or allow the smoke from the fire to be a nuisance to another person. Where a person has ignited an outdoor fire that becomes a nuisance to another person because of smoke drift, *the person shall extinguish the fire immediately.*

The following items are not permitted to be burned in open fires within Saskatoon City limits.

- ◆ Rubbish
- ◆ Garden refuse
- ◆ Plastics
- ◆ Manure, livestock or animal carcasses
- ◆ Any material that will result in the production of dense black smoke including:
  - ◇ Insulation from electrical wiring or equipment
  - ◇ Asphalt roofing materials
  - ◇ Hydrocarbons, plastics, rubber materials or creosoted wood.
- ◆ Any material which will generate a foul odour.
- ◆ Any material classified as a dangerous good.