

Fire Bylaw Information



Back Yard Fires

All Fires Must Be:

- In a fire pit or receptacle constructed of non-combustible material
- In a fire pit built into the bare ground or set upon non-combustible material
- Not within 2 metres from any building or combustible material
- Kept to a reasonable size (under 1 metre both height and width)
- Fully supervised at all times by at least one person 14 years of age and older
- May be started at 10:00 a.m. and fully extinguished by 1:00 a.m.

You must have a means to extinguish the fire on hand at all times. The fire must be extinguished completely, so that the ashes are cold prior to leaving the fire.

You cannot burn:

- Treated or painted lumber
- Lumber products containing glue or resins
- Wet wood
- Leaves, brush or yard waste
- Garbage
- Rubber, tires or plastic

Tips for fire pit use:

- Only clean, dry firewood is permitted to be burned in fire pits
- High wind speeds may pose a fire hazard
- Placing a metal grill/screen on top of the fire pit reduces the flame's size and helps prevent sparks and embers from escaping

Fines for violations of these regulations range between \$250 and \$2000. That's a lot of wieners and smores!

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Other Fire Bylaw information you should know

Fireworks:

Fireworks are not allowed in Canmore, except at special events such as New Years, etc. and then only when set off by a licensed pyro technician. It's also illegal to sell fireworks in Canmore, so don't bother going shopping for them.

And those fireworks you bought from that roadside stand? Don't let them off here. You would be putting your friends and neighbors at risk, and it's just not worth the \$250 fine.

To report illegal use of fireworks, phone 403.678.5516, 24 hours a day. You will be connected to the RCMP. Alternatively, during the day you can call Canmore Bylaw Services at 403.678.4244.

Fire Ban:

The Fire Chief has the authority to declare a complete ban on all burning within the Town. Members of the Town of Canmore Fire Department, RCMP or a Peace Officer may ask you to extinguish your fire when a fire ban is in effect. They may also ask you to extinguish your fire if you are not complying with the regulations listed above.

The fine for having a fire when there is a fire ban is \$2,000. Gas BBQ's are always permitted, unless specifically stated in the fire ban (which isn't often).

Illegal Back Yard Fires:

To report an illegal or hazardous fire, phone 911 and ask for Canmore Fire-Rescue. This is a routine response for them. Alternatively, during the day, you can call Canmore Bylaw Services at 403.678.4244.



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