

## ARE ANY PERMITS REQUIRED?

Building Permits may be required for permanently constructed outdoor fireplaces or outdoor barbeques. Contact the Zoning and Permits Branch at #31 – 30 Fort Street, R3C 4X7, Fax: 204-986-6347.

Remember, a By-law Requirements brochure and fire pit regulatory guidelines regarding the construction, location and safe use of fire pits and outdoor solid fuel receptacles may be obtained at any fire station or online at [www.winnipeg.ca/fps](http://www.winnipeg.ca/fps).



## Fire Stations

- 1 65 Ellen Street
- 2 55 Watt Street
- 3 337 Rue Des Meurons
- 4 150 Osborne Street
- 5 845 Sargent Avenue
- 6 603 Redwood Avenue
- 7 10 Allan Blye Drive
- 8 640 Kimberley Avenue
- 9 864 Marion Street
- 10 1354 Border Street
- 11 200 Berry Street
- 12 1780 Taylor Avenue
- 13 799 Lilac Street
- 14 1057 St. Mary's Road
- 15 1083 Autumnwood Drive
- 16 1001 McGregor Street
- 17 1501 Church Avenue
- 18 5000 Roblin Blvd.
- 19 320 Whytefold Road
- 20 525 Banting Drive
- 21 1446 Regent Avenue West
- 22 1567 Waverley Street
- 23 880 Dalhousie Drive
- 24 1665 Rothesay Street
- 25 701 Day Street
- 26 1525 Dakota Street
- 27 27 Sage Creek Boulevard

**Winnipeg Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Branch**



**WINNIPEG FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE PREVENTION BRANCH**

Recreational, Residential  
Open-Air Fires



Fire Pits, Fire Bowls,  
Chimineas and  
Other Outdoor  
Receptacles



## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!

The City of Winnipeg has established revised standards and requirements for all open-air fires regulated under the Fire Prevention By-law.

These standards include specific By-law requirements for residential open-air fires in various permanently constructed or portable receptacles such as fire pits, fire bowls, chimineas and other outdoor receptacles.

## WHERE CAN I GET A BROCHURE AND FIRE PIT REGULATORY GUIDELINES?

Brochures and guidelines may be obtained at any fire station. It is advised that you visit the nearest one in your area, as the open-air burning site may require an inspection and approval by the Winnipeg Fire Department.

Regulatory guidelines regarding the construction, location and safe use of fire pits and outdoor solid fuel receptacles is available to residents online at [www.winnipeg.ca/fps](http://www.winnipeg.ca/fps).



## ARE ANY PERMITS REQUIRED FOR A RECREATIONAL RESIDENTIAL OPEN-AIR FIRE?

That depends! In most instances a permit will not be required. However, a “special” permit may be issued if a property is unable to comply with all the requirements of the By-law. A Fire Inspector will conduct an inspection of the non-compliant property and if the Inspector determines that an open-air fire at that location will not cause an undue fire hazard, a “special” Recreational Residential Open-Air Fire Permit may be obtained from the Winnipeg Fire Department Fire Prevention Branch office at 185 King Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor or online at [www.winnipeg.ca/fps](http://www.winnipeg.ca/fps).

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING THE “SPECIAL” RECREATIONAL RESIDENTIAL OPEN-AIR FIRE PERMIT IF REQUIRED?

The owner, occupant or person in charge of the premises. If the property is rented, the tenant must provide written consent from the owner or owner’s agent, granting permission for the intended use.

## WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE REGULATORY GUIDELINES?

Some of the requirements for recreational residential open-air fires include but are not necessarily limited to:

- Retaining the permit at the site of the receptacle and providing it for examination if so requested by a Fire Department employee.
- Ensuring the receptacle is kept a minimum of 3 m (10 feet) away from any combustibles.
- Burning only dry seasoned wood. Burning of garbage, plastic, rubber, grass, tree prunings, brush, painted or treated wood is strictly prohibited.

- Ensuring the fire is under constant adult supervision.
- Not permitting any open-air fires to be ignited under wind conditions over 25 kph (15 mph).
- Limiting any open-air fires in size so that they are easily controllable by the person in charge of the open-air fire.
- Ensuring that a fire extinguisher, garden hose connected to a water supply, sand or other suitable means of extinguishment is readily available at the fire site.
- Ensuring any open-air fire is completely extinguished before leaving the site.
- Phoning the Winnipeg Fire Department at 911 should the open-air fire become uncontrollable by extending beyond the receptacle of origin.

