

## **Bergen Springs Acceptable Fire Pit Definition**

This definition is in line with the County of Mountain View's definition

***Note: During a Fire Ban all fires are to remain extinguished regardless of their construction.***

**Acceptable Fire Pit** Means a Barbecue or Fire Pit

1. Measured from the nearest edge that is a minimum of three (3) meters (10 feet) clearance from buildings, Property lines and combustible materials including any overhang, out buildings, or over any underground utilities or under any aboveground wires, or combustible materials such as fences, trees, etc. or as approved by the Fire Committee.
2. The height of which does not exceed sixty (60) cm (2 feet) when measured from the surrounding grade to the top of the pit opening.
3. Shall have a depth of no less than .3 meters (12 inches).
4. A minimum of 10 cm (4 inches) of non-combustible fill must be provided in the bottom of the pit;
5. The opening of which does not exceed one (1) meter (3 feet) in width or in diameter when measured between the widest points of the inside edges (inside diameter)
6. That is constructed of bricks or concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal with a minimum of 9.5 millimeters (3/8"), or other suitable non-combustible components;
7. Equipped with a mesh screen with openings no larger than 6 millimetres (1/4 inch) secured in place with latches or weights.
8. That uses only wood, charcoal briquettes, propane or natural gas fuels;
9. That has a flame height that does not exceed ninety (90) cm 2 ½ feet above the Fire Pit.
10. If there is no place on a property where a fire pit may be located using the above distances, a variance of the above clearances may be applied for. If, in the opinion of the Fire Chief or his designate, such safe guards and precautions are in place, and that the fire pit will be used safely, a variance may be granted with the person or persons obtaining the variance assuming all liability regarding the use of the pit.
11. A responsible adult is present on the property and supervising while the Outdoor Fire is burning and until the Outdoor Fire is fully extinguished;
12. A fire extinguisher, or other means of extinguishing an Outdoor Fire, acceptable to the Fire Committee or designate, is available on the property and within a reasonable distance from where the Outdoor Fire is located;
13. The fire does not create a nuisance

**Chimeneas** are included as an Acceptable Fire Pit.

*Definition "Chimeneas"* includes a Chimeneas or other small, commercially manufactured burning appliance constructed from a suitable fire resistant material with minimal capacity intended to burn small quantities of wood or charcoal. Such devices must have a screen door and a spark arrestor.

1. Chimeneas may be operated on a wooden deck provided:
  - a) it is positioned on a CSA approved fire-proof pad that extends at least 18 inches from where the door is located and 8 inches on all other sides,
  - b) is seven (7) feet from the house and three (3) feet from any wooden surface that is not appropriately screened with a CSA approved fire-proof material.
  - c) operation of a Chimeneas meets the stricter standard between this By-law and the operating instructions that comes with the device;