

# PUBLIC FIRE PITS CASE STUDIES



## REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Population: 228, 928

Average annual snowfall: 15 inches

Average Winter Temp. (Nov.-Mar.):

Highs: 22.3°F /-5.4°C

Lows: 4.3°F/-15.4°C

### Overview:

The Regina Fire Bylaw grants enclosed-pit fires without a permit, dependant on compliance with municipal fire regulation codes. Open-pit fires and bonfires are permitted at events with a permit through the city.

### Fire Bylaw: Bylaw 2018-49

### Process:

Regina allows permits for open-air fires at a cost of \$64 CAD per event. Permits can be obtained through the City of Regina.

### Fire Regulations and Restrictions:

- 1) Fires must be contained in a non-combustible receptacle of brick, clay, cement, or metal and must be placed on non-combustible surface.
- 2) Fire pits must be located 10' away from any combustible material
- 3) Fire pits must be fitted with heavy gauge metal screen with small openings to contain sparks
- 4) Fire pits must not exceed 32 inches in any dimensions
- 5) Fire pits shall be clear of overhangs such as tree branches, utility lines and structures.
- 6) Fire pits must have adult supervision at all times
- 7) Form of extinguisher shall be readily accessible at all times
- 8) Fuel restriction of charcoal, seasoned wood, or manufactured logs only
- 9) Fires cannot be used within fire ban or windy conditions

### More information:

<https://www.regina.ca/home-property/safety-emergencies/fire/prevention-regulations/fire-pits/index.html>

## OTTAWA, ONTARIO

Population: 994, 837

Average annual snowfall: 27 inches

Average Winter Temp. (Nov.-Mar.):

Highs: 30.2°F /-1°C

Lows: 15.8°F/-9°C

### Overview:

The City of Ottawa allows for open-air fires in public spaces for specific events based on approval by Ottawa Fire Services (OFS). Permits for private open-air fire spaces can be obtained online, while public open-air fire permits must be obtained by contacting Ottawa's fire service division in person or by mail.

### Fire Bylaw: Open-Air Fire Bylaw 2004-163

### Process:

In order for an open-air fire to be established within a public space, a Specific Events Permit must be sent to and approved by the OFS. The OFS will conduct a site inspection prior to issuance of permit to ensure compliance with safety conditions. Application process takes 15 business days minimum and a payment of \$59 CAD will be required upon the issuing of permit.

### Fire Regulations and Restrictions:

- 1) Must be legal owner of property to obtain permit. Written consent is needed by landowner if property is not owned.
- 2) Must follow the fire regulations of the municipal fire bylaw

### More information:

<https://ottawa.ca/en/health-and-public-safety/ottawa-fire-services/fire-safety-information/outdoor-fire-safety#open-air-fire-permits-burn-permits>

## COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Population: 416,427

Average annual snowfall:

Average Winter Temp. (Nov.-Mar.):

Highs: 43.1°F /6.2°C

Lows: 18.4°F /-8.9°C

### Overview:

The City of Colorado Springs has flexible regulations around open-air fires as long as fire regulations are met. The city allows for bonfires and outdoor fire pits and fireplaces under a permit application.

### Fire Bylaw: 2015 Colorado Springs Fire Code, Section 307.2

### Process:

Applications for open-air fires requires a Burning Permit and process for open-air fire is relatively easy. These permits can be accessed and obtained online and mailed out to the Colorado Spring Fire Department Division of the Fire Marshal. A guide of prohibited and non-prohibited fires in the city can be accessed in the link below.

### More information:

<https://coloradosprings.gov/fire-department/page/outdoor-burning-guidelines>

## EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Population: 981,280

Average annual snowfall: 48 inches

Average Winter Temp. (Nov.-Mar.):

Highs: 27.5°F /-2.4°C

Lows: 15.8°F/-9°C

### Overview:

The City of Edmonton provides fire stoves in various parklands within their municipal boundaries. These are picnic sites that require a reservation for use in both summer and winter seasons. Fire stoves are allowed to be used without a permit as long as fire prevention measures are followed. Other recreational and outdoor fires are permitted.

### Fire Bylaw: Bylaw 14600 - Part IV Section 25-30

### Process:

Reservations for picnic sites with fire pits can be made online at the City of Edmonton website. Open-air fires such as fire pits or bonfires used for special events requires a permit from an Edmonton City Manager and costs \$133 CAD per permit, per visit.

### More information:

[https://www.edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/parks\\_rivervalley/fire-stoves-in-edmonton-parks.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/parks_rivervalley/fire-stoves-in-edmonton-parks.aspx)