

Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and barbecues shall meet the following requirements:

1. A minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) clearance shall be maintained from any **buildings, property lines, overhead wires, trees or any combustible materials.**
2. Installations shall have **enclosed sides**, a **minimum height** of 450mm (18 inches from ground level) and a **maximum width** of 900mm (36 inches).
3. Installations shall be made of bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal or other suitable non-combustible components.
4. A spark arrestor mesh screen of ½ inch expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks shall be provided for over the fire.
5. Only **clean** fuel shall be used (clean, dry wood or charcoal). **Refuse or waste materials shall not** be burned as this will create dense smoke or offensive odours.



6. **Fires will be supervised at all times.**
7. Gas installations require permits and shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.
8. The use of such installations shall ensure that smoke or sparks do not create a nuisance or hazard to neighbours or other properties and comply with the Clean Air Act Regulation being 216/75 with amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 24/86.
9. Do not place within 1m of gas lines. Contact Alberta One Call for free line locate at toll free 1-800-242-3447. Press '2' for 'gas line locates', and press '1' for 'member services'.

After reviewing the regulations to receive a permit, draw a diagram of where the fire receptacle is to be placed and submit the diagram to the fire authority for approval. Include your name, address, phone number and measurements of the fire receptacle in relation to buildings, property lines, overhead wires, trees or any combustible materials in the area. Upon approval of the diagram and the fire receptacle has been installed contact the Inspection Branch to arrange for an inspection. A permit will be issued (free of charge) if the required regulations have been met.

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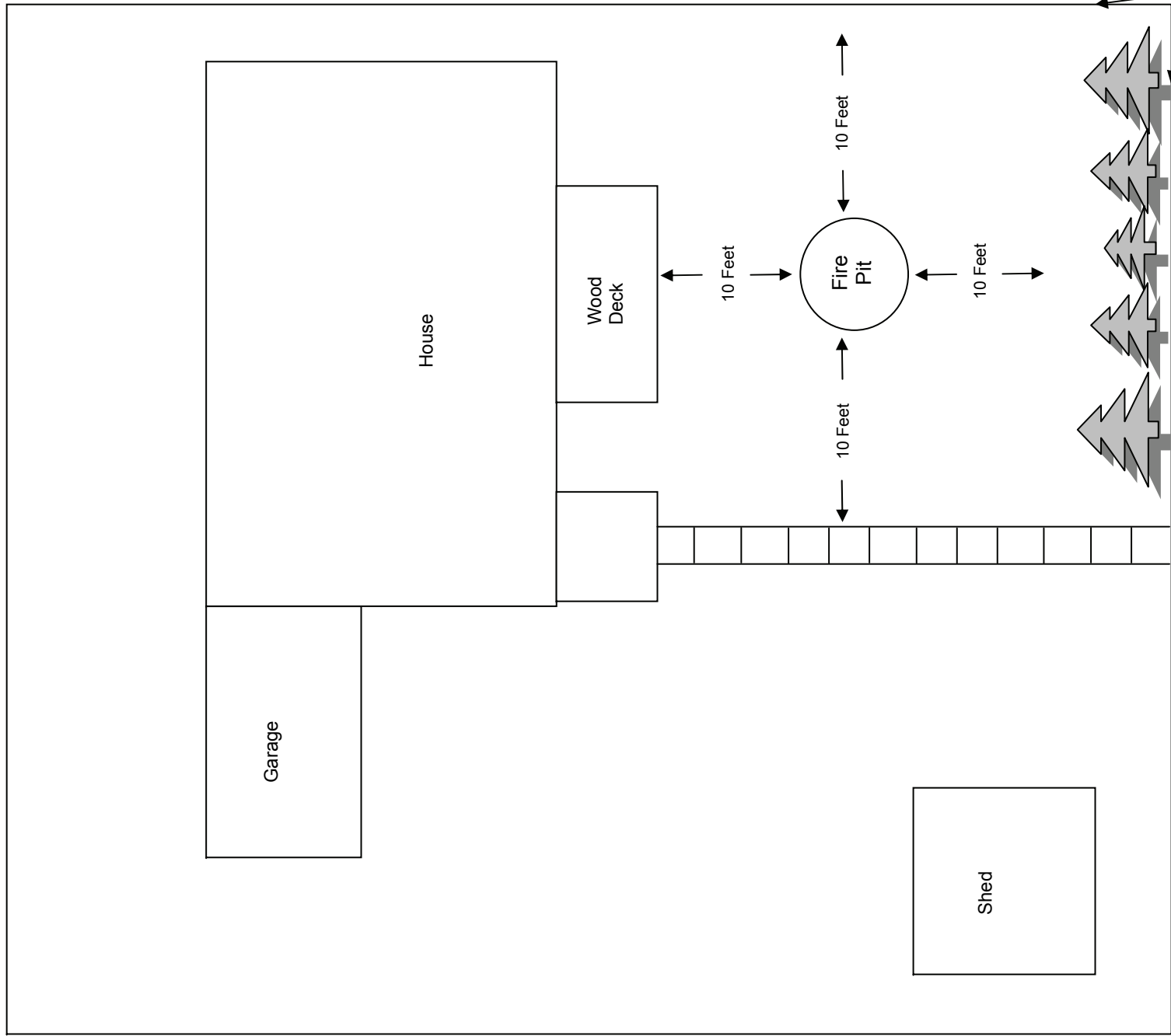
PERMIT REQUIREMENTS Installation of Fire Pits

PERMITS are required for **fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and barbecues (fire receptacles)** for the purpose of cooking or obtaining warmth, provided the appliances for cooking or obtaining warmth are used on the property of the resident or in a public area at a location approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

Manufactured and approved barbecues are exempt.

SAMPLE DRAWING (not to scale)

Street



Property Line

Wood Fence

No overhead or underground utilities

Alley