



Fire Pit Regulations

Outdoor firepits are permitted within the town providing the following guidance is adhered to:

1. An outdoor fireplace must be appropriate for its type of use.
2. The fireplace must be made of a non-combustible material or fire-rated brick, with proper air-flow channels to mitigate smoke.
3. A responsible adult must supervise the fire at all times.
4. Persons must burn only what is referred to as normal combustibles. (ie-wood, paper)
5. No petroleum-based material is to be burned in these appliances (ie. Plastic, fuel, etc.)
6. The fireplace must be placed to allow for a minimum of two-metre clearance on three sides and the nearest combustibles must be at least three metres from the wood loading door.
7. Extinguishers must be kept within easy access, at all times. This may be in the form of approved Class A extinguishers or a garden hose.
8. These outdoor fireplaces shall not be used when wind conditions are such that they may cause embers to ignite surrounding material.
9. If the device is placed on a wooded patio deck, they must sit on a non-combustible pad such as patio blocks. The blocks must extend 18 inches beyond (In front of) the wood loading door.
10. All fire must be extinguished before leaving the fireplace unattended.
11. These devices may not be used during times when the Provincial fire weather index is in the high or extreme range. This information can be obtained by telephoning the Provincial Forestry Service at (709) 637-2408.

The responsibility of safe use of the outdoor fireplace lies with the homeowner. This responsibility also applies to any inconvenience to neighbours. Any complaint regarding the use of the device will be investigated by the Rocky Harbour Fire Department or Municipal Public Works.

During the months of June, July and August, the Town of Rocky Harbour may advise that residents cease open fires. Fire officials will be constantly monitoring the fire weather index and make appropriate recommendations.



These by-laws only apply within the town limits of Rocky Harbour.

Further questions can be directed to the Town of Rocky Harbour at 458-2376.

The Town of Rocky Harbour adopted the Fire Pit policy on the 2nd day, February, 2021.

Moved by: Councillor Shears

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Mayor's Signature: *Mayor Tony Major*