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Residential Wood Burning Fire Pit Standards

Fire Pit Installation:

Recessed or above ground wood burning fire pits are permitted pursuant to the following standards. Above ground fire pits shall be commercially manufactured. Recessed pits shall be lined with firebrick or other non-combustible material and be a minimum of 8" deep.

1. The inside diameter of the fire pit shall be less than 42".
2. All fire pits shall have a metal screen to act as a spark arrester.
3. The fire pit shall have a 5' radius combustible free zone measured from the outside edge of the pit. This zone shall be free of trees including overhanging branches, dry grass, firewood stacks and shrubs.
4. Fire pit shall be a minimum of 10' from all structures, propane grills and propane tanks.
5. Fire pit shall be a minimum of 15' from side yard property lines and 10' from rear yard property lines.
6. Prior to installation information on the proposed fire pit, including location on the site, construction materials and/or product information, shall be submitted to the Big Sky Owners Association (BSOA) for review by the BSOA staff.

Fire Pit Use:

1. A fire is to be attended at all times by a responsible adult.
2. Only dry wood to be burned, trash or green wood shall not be burned.
3. No burning during shall be allowed during periods of fire restrictions including "Red Flag" warning periods or when wind speed exceeds 10 miles per hour.
4. A means to extinguish the fire must be readily available, i.e. a garden hose or fire extinguisher.
5. Following use, the fire is to be completely extinguished so that it is cool to the touch and the screen to be placed over the fire pit.
6. The Owner of the property where the fire pit is located is responsible for safe operation of fire pit.



Recessed, site built fire pits



Example of fire pits and 5ft. radius combustible free zone



Fire pits with screens