



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Fire Pit Safety

With the warmer weather comes the desire to spend evenings outside visiting with friends and enjoying our backyard fire pits. In order to make this a safe activity, please keep the following in mind:

- All fire pits located within Swift Current city limits must be inspected and approved by the Swift Current Fire Department prior to use. There is no fee for this service. You may pick up a fire permit form at the Fire Department office.
- Let the adults light the fire so that it is done properly and safely. Supervise children at all times.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Never use an accelerant to light your fire, such as gas or camp stove fuel.
- Make sure that everyone remains a safe distance away from the fire. Flying sparks could injure someone or light clothing on fire. Getting too close also increases the chance of someone slipping and falling into the fire.
- Ensure you have a fire extinguisher or garden hose readily available to use in case the fire gets out of control. Also ensure that your fire is fully extinguished before retiring for the evening.
- Check the wind conditions before lighting a fire. A strong wind can turn a tame fire into an inferno, and out-of-control fires will spread quickly.
- Only charcoal and seasoned wood may be burned within city limits. Trees, garbage, garden waste and anything else that generates black smoke or offensive odour is strictly prohibited.
- Please be courteous to others. Be aware of smoke drifting into neighbours' yards and extinguish your fire if it bothers them. We all want to enjoy the outdoors.

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