

# Fire Pit Safety

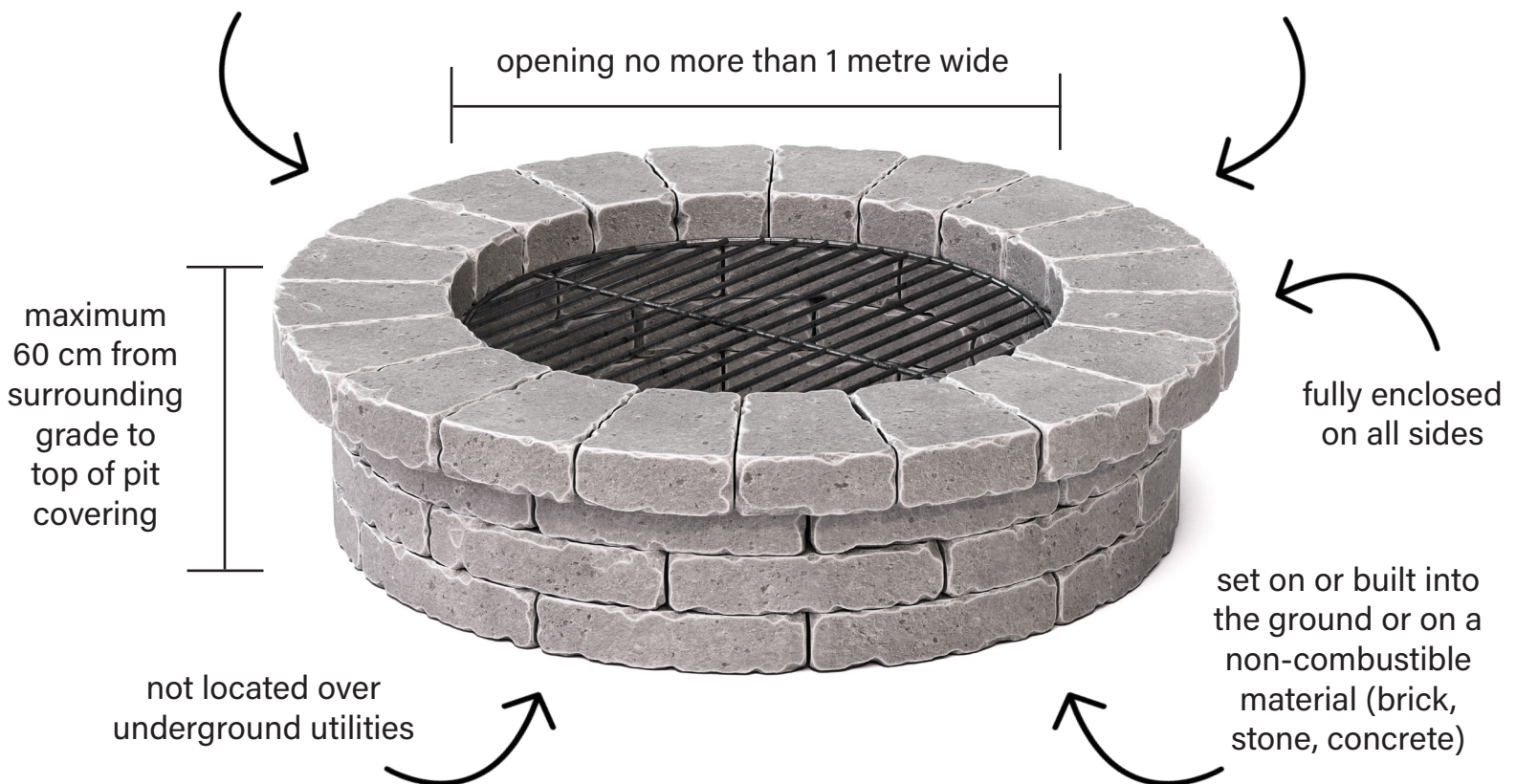
Enjoying a backyard fire pit is one of the best parts of a Southern Alberta summer.

You do not need a fire permit for a recreational fire pit, but it's important that your fire pit meets Bylaw #22-002.

## Fire pit specifications:

constructed entirely of non-combustible materials (bricks, concrete blocks, etc.)

at least 1 metre laterally & 5 metres vertically from above-ground wires



## Requirements while burning under the Fire Bylaw:

- Maximum flame height over container: 90 centimetres
- Fire must be supervised by a responsible adult until fully extinguished
- If a Fire Ban is in place, you must extinguish your fire (fines apply for not doing so). Check the Fire Ban status on our website before you use your fire pit.

## Safety tips:

- Locate the fire pit away from buildings and overhanging trees (sparks can cause these to ignite)
- Reconsider using the fire pit if it's windy
- Don't burn treated wood (it can give off toxic fumes)
- Have sand or water on hand to quickly extinguish wayward sparks
- Position chairs carefully around the fire in a way that does not require people to get too close to the flames if they need to move
- Don't allow children to play near or get too close to the fire
- Fully extinguish the fire before leaving the area

## Questions?

Visit [www.lethcounty.ca](http://www.lethcounty.ca) or call 403-328-5525  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

