

# City Fact Sheet



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## OUTDOOR FIREPLACES, BBQ & RECREATIONAL BURNING Permit Applicability

Residential outdoor	Square footage	Fuel	Clearance to combustibles*	Dimension limits	Permit required	Land use**
Recreational campfire	3' wide max	Solid	25'+	Max fire dimension 3' wide/2' high	No	No
Portable fireplace/BBQ		Solid	15'+	Max fire dimension 3' wide/2' high	No	No
Permanent construction fireplace/BBQ/Oven	<120	Solid	10' +	Top of chimney not higher than 6'	No	No
Permanent construction fireplace/BBQ/Oven	<120	Solid	< 10'	Top of chimney not higher than 6'	RES	Yes
Permanent construction fireplace/BBQ/Oven	<120	Solid	10' +	Top of chimney is more than 6'	RES	Yes
Permanent construction fireplace/BBQ/Oven	<120	Gas	< 10'	Top of chimney not higher than 6'	RES MEC	Yes
Permanent construction fireplace/BBQ/Oven	<120	Gas	10' +	Top of chimney not higher than 6'	MEC	No
Permanent construction fireplace/BBQ/Oven	<120	Gas	10' +	Top of chimney is more than 6'	RES MEC	Yes
Permanent construction fireplace/BBQ/Oven	= or >120	Gas	All	All	RES MEC	Yes
Permanent construction fireplace/BBQ/Oven	= or >120	Solid	All	All	RES	Yes

\* Combustibles include all structures, deck covers, fences and similar components.

\*\*Must meet Zoning easement and setback distances to the property lines.

Factory built chimneys shall be installed and terminated in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Masonry chimneys that extends through a deck cover for residential-type chimney shall extend at least 3 feet (914 mm) above the highest point where they pass through a roof of a building and at least 2 feet (610 mm) higher than any portion of a building within a horizontal distance of 10 feet.

Approved by the Vancouver Fire Marshal  
and the Vancouver Building Official  
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