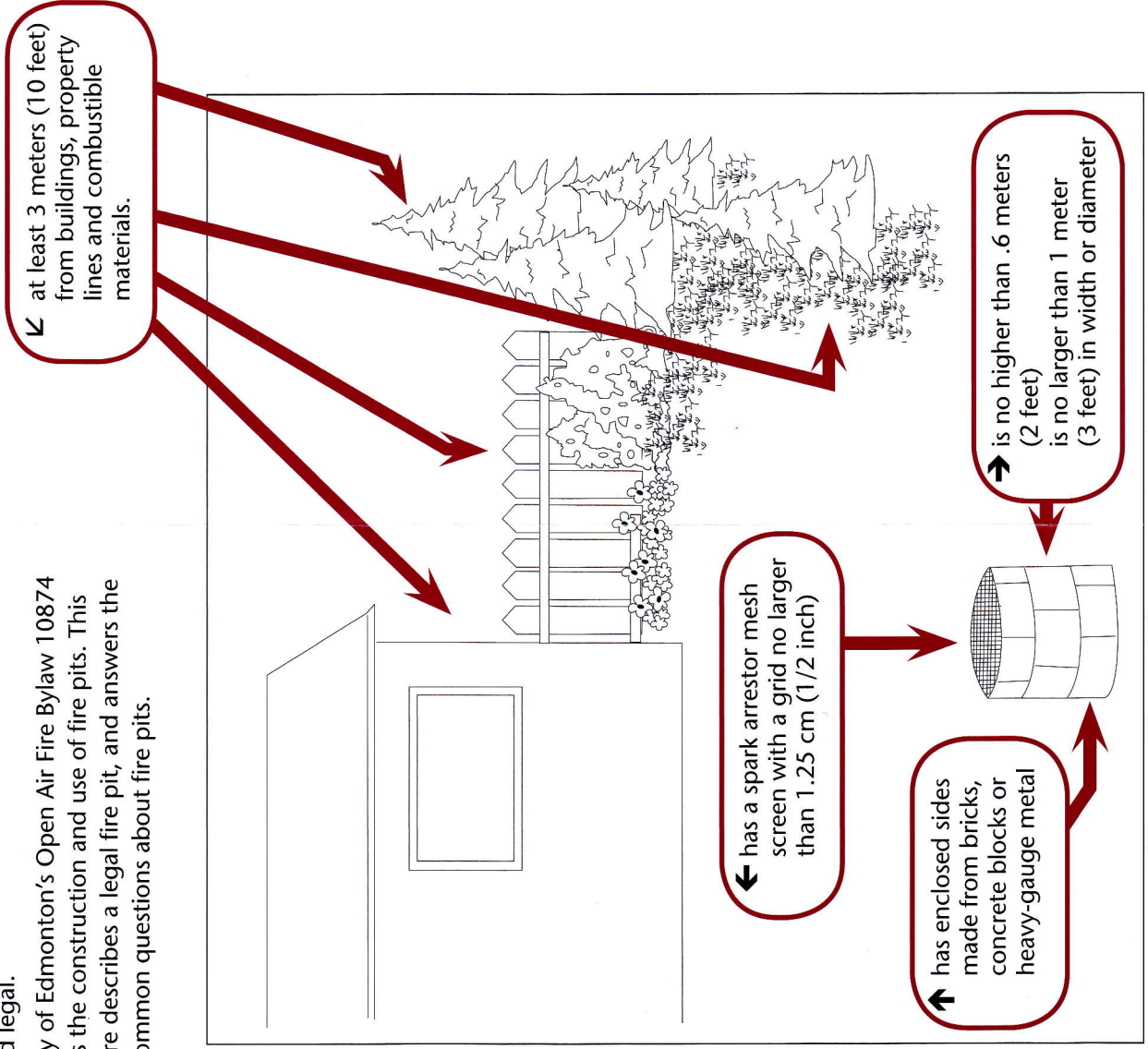


## Open Air Fire Bylaw

An open fire pit is a great way to enjoy the outdoors year-round, but it is important to ensure that yours is safe and legal.

The City of Edmonton's Open Air Fire Bylaw 10874 governs the construction and use of fire pits. This brochure describes a legal fire pit, and answers the most common questions about fire pits.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. If I have a fire pit or an outdoor fireplace in my backyard, am I going to need a permit?**
- A. Residents only require a permit if they do not have an "acceptable fire pit" or "acceptable outdoor fireplace" as defined in the Open Air Fire Bylaw. The bylaw outlines how your fire pit or outdoor fireplace should be constructed, along with clearance from property lines and proximity to combustible materials.
- Q. What is an acceptable fire pit?**
- A. An acceptable fire pit, as defined by Bylaw 10874,
- is at least 3 meters (10 feet) from buildings and property lines;
  - does not exceed .6 meters (2 feet) in height;
  - does not exceed 1 meter (3 feet) in width or diameter;
  - has enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete blocks or heavy-gauge metal;
  - has a spark-arrestor mesh screen with openings no larger than 1 .25 cm (1/2 inch).
- If your fire pit or outdoor fireplace meets these guidelines, then you will NOT need a permit.
- Q. What happens if my backyard fire pit or outdoor fireplace does not comply with the Bylaw 10874?**
- A. There are provisions in the bylaw for the Fire Rescue Services to accept an existing fire pit or outdoor fireplace. If, after an inspection, it is determined the fire pit or outdoor fireplace doesn't comply, but the

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