



OPEN FIRES

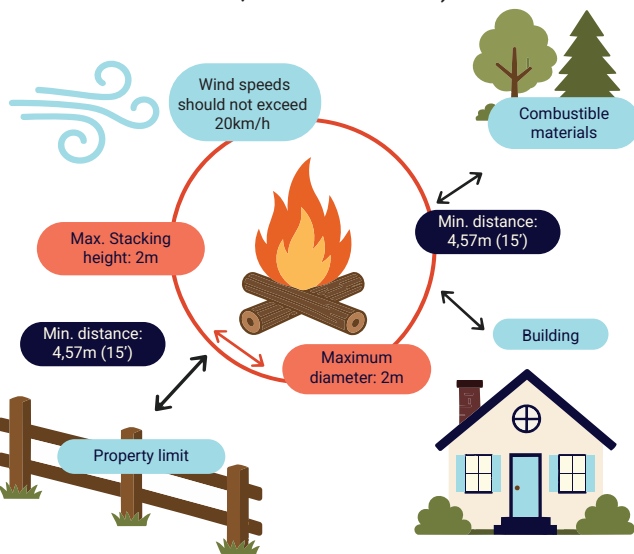


Between November 15 and April 1, open burning is permitted under certain conditions. Before lighting a fire, check with your municipality to determine whether a burning permit is required. Please note that all open fires are strictly prohibited when the SOPFEU flammability index reaches "Extreme." During these periods, burning permits will not be issued.

You can consult the current SOPFEU flammability index here: <https://sopfeu.qc.ca/>

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST ALSO BE FOLLOWED:

*Organic materials only (untreated wood, branches and brush)



APPROVED FIREPLACES

Fireplaces fueled by natural gas, propane, electricity or any other liquid specifically designed and approved for use with the appliance are also permitted. However, they must be placed firmly on the floor, certified by a recognized organization, installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and be at least one meter away from any combustible material.



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Fires in approved fireplaces, as shown below, are permitted at all times, except when the municipality issues a ban on burning in these fireplaces. A permit is required in some municipalities, so be sure to check the Fire Prevention By-law for a list of municipalities. In order to comply, your outdoor fireplace must meet the following requirements: it must have a spark arrester cover or screen with less than a 1 cm opening and meet the following specifications:



NON APPROVED FIREPLACES

The following fireplace examples, including open-fire designs, do not have a chimney cap, spark arrester, or protective screen. As a result, they do not meet the requirements to be considered approved fireplaces.

