



VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FIRE PIT FOR A RECREATIONAL FIRE

What is required to obtain a permit to install a recreational fire pit at my home?

A completed permit application accompanied by two (2) copies of a Plat of Survey of the property indicating the location of the fire pit. Two (2) copies of details of the methods and materials used to construct the pit, or the manufacturer's written directions shall also be submitted.

What are the requirements for a fire pit?

The fire pit must be constructed of noncombustible materials such as brick, stone, or concrete. A commercially available permanent or portable fireplace/grill designed for outdoor use may also be permitted. The pit/ring/fireplace shall be a maximum of three (3) feet in diameter. The pit shall be located at least fifteen (15) feet from any structure. The pit must be on private property, in the rear yard, and not in an easement.

What are the operational requirements?

The material burned shall be hard landscape waste over two (2) inches in diameter or seasoned dry firewood. The fire shall be constantly attended by a responsible person 15 years of age or older. This person shall have a garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

How long will it take to get a permit?

Permits may take up to three weeks during the busy season, but can usually be issued in as little as two days provided all required information is properly submitted.

How long is the permit good for?

Work must be started and completed within six (6) months of the issue date.

Are there fees involved?

The permit fee is \$40.00.

**If you have any questions please contact
Community Development at (847) 658-2700 (option 3)**

Individual subdivision covenants may have special requirements.