

City of Crystal Lake

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FIRE PITS

Please provide the following information when applying for a permit:

- Apply online using [City of Crystal Lake ez APP](#)
OR submit a [Building Permit Application](#)
Applications are available at City Hall or online at the City's website, www.crystallake.org.
- Two copies of a current Plat of Survey showing all proposed work including easements, setbacks, and location of other structures (house, sheds, decks, etc).
- Homeowners Association approval may be required.
- An Annual Recreational / Bonfire Permit Application is required and is issued by the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department. All annual recreational fire/bonfire permits shall be requested by and issued only to the **owner** of the land upon which the recreational fire/bonfire is to be kindled. Permits will be issued for one calendar year only.

Inspections

Please schedule all inspections by 4:00 P.M. the day before the inspection.

The following inspections are needed for a fire pit:

- Base inspection (prior to placement of block)
- Final inspection (upon completion)

Please provide the following when requesting an inspection:

- Inspection type
- Address
- Date and time frame (am or pm)
- Permit number
- Name and telephone number of homeowner/contractor requesting inspection

Requirements for Fire Pits for recreational fires

Location

- Fire pits shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from the following:
 - A structure (habitable or accessory)
 - Any combustible materials (wood fences, decks, play sets, etc)
 - Permit holder's property line

Size

- A fire pit must only be able to contain a maximum combustible pile size of 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height (14.14 Cubic feet). Fire pit shapes other than cylindrical must only be able to hold 14.14 cubic feet of combustibles or less.

Construction

- The fire pit must be constructed with a minimum depth of 10 inches from the top of the fire pit surround.

Note: Fire pits located on lake lots may have a maximum height of 12 inches.

Please note that the information provided in this handout is general in nature. If you have specific questions or need additional information, please contact a Community Development Department representative at (815) 356-3605 or building@crystallake.org.