

Beach Fires



Beach fires are permitted on all beaches under the following conditions:

1. Anyone wishing to light a fire must complete the appropriate application form at least 48 hours before lighting (note that the permit is free of charge); The fire must not exceed 1.5 meters in width, 1.5 meters in depth, and 1.5 meters in height.
2. The fire must be under the constant supervision of a person of legal age who is responsible for full control of the blaze. When the activity is finished, the fire must be completely extinguished.
3. Fires may not be lit within less than six metres of the shoreline and six metres of any vegetation such as beach grass;
4. The applicant must ensure removal of fire debris and clean an area extending twenty meters around the fire site, no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the event concludes.
5. If the site has not been cleaned up (debris, garbage, bottles, etc.) by the deadline, the Municipality will proceed with the clean-up and the costs incurred will be billed to the applicant.

Fires on the historic site of La Grave

Due to the unique characteristics of the La Grave historic site, outdoor fires within the designated area is strictly prohibited. However, exceptions to this rule may be granted under certain circumstances.



Abandoned buildings

It is strictly prohibited to set fire to an unused building for the purpose of disposal. However, under exceptional circumstances, setting fire to an abandoned building may be authorized, provided specific conditions are met.

Do you have any questions?

If you have any questions about the regulations governing outdoor fires, you can contact the following people:

Nathalie Arseneau, Fire Prevention Technician (ext.191)

Simon Mary, Fire Department Director (ext. 189)

Outdoor Fire Safety

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON CURRENT
REGULATIONS OF THE COMMUNAUTÉ MARITIME,
LES ÎLE-DE-LA-MADELEINE



Fire safety services

460, chemin Principal, Cap-aux-Meules
Telephone: 418 986-3100
Fax: 418 986-6962
Email: communications@muniles.ca
Website: www.muniles.ca

August 2018

General regulations

Here are a few things to verify, before building an outdoor fire:

- No fires may be lit when winds are in excess of 20 km/h (10.5 knots).
- Fire smoke should not disrupt the peace and quiet of your neighbors.
- No fires are permitted when a total ban on outdoor fires is in effect.
- Only Class A combustible materials such as paper and dry wood (unvarnished, unpainted and untreated) are permitted.
- An easily accessible fire extinguisher must be available at all times.

Please note: outdoor fires are strictly prohibited throughout the municipality from April 1 to May 31 of each year, inclusively.

Why the ban? Because at this time of year, the grass is dry and a sparks could start a fire.

Grass fires

Grass and brush fires are strictly prohibited throughout the municipality.

Fires involving building materials or household waste

Burning construction materials or household waste are strictly prohibited throughout the municipality.

Ambient fires for private use

Ambient fires on private property are authorized provided they are contained within appropriate equipment, equipped with a spark guard, and comply with the following conditions:

1. the structure is built of stone, brick or metal;
2. all sides are enclosed either by non-combustible materials or by a spark guard/screen;
3. the fire pit must not exceed 75 cm wide by 75 cm deep by 75 cm high;
4. if equipped with a chimney, it must be fitted with a spark guard/screen;
5. the design of the spark guard/screen must not have an opening exceeding 7 millimeters;
6. the surface on which the fireplace rests must be made of non-combustible material and extend 45 cm beyond the perimeter of the fireplace.



Campfires or bonfires



Campfires and bonfires are permitted in recreational areas and campgrounds under the following conditions:

1. the location of the fire must be clearly defined and surrounded by a non-combustible structure to contain embers and flames.
2. total surface area and height must not exceed 45 cm wide by 45 cm deep by 45 cm in height;
3. flames must not exceed a height of one metre;
4. a minimum clearance of three meters must be maintained from any container, tank or cylinder containing flammable gas or liquid;
5. the fire must be under the constant supervision of a person of legal age who is responsible for full control of the fire;
6. a fire extinguisher must be available nearby at all times when the fire is burning;
7. when the activity is over, the fire must be completely extinguished.

Fires in public places

It is strictly forbidden to light a fire in a public place without first obtaining authorization from the municipal fire department.

Only bonfires associated with a public event will be authorized, provided that they comply with the conditions specific to the event, as dictated by the Fire Department.