

# OUTDOOR FIRES IN VICTORIA:

## What You Need to Know

### Are fires allowed in parks or on beaches and boulevards in Victoria?

In Victoria, fires are not allowed in parks or on beaches or boulevards – unless you are using a CSA-approved natural gas or propane gas fire device **for the sole purpose of cooking food**.

If in a park, this type of fire must be located two metres away from any structures, including tents. It cannot be located in a playground, sports field or in a park's footpath or roadway.

### Where can I have a wood-burning fire outdoors?

Wood-burning fires are not allowed at any time of the year, outdoors on public or private property in Victoria.

This includes parks, all areas of a beach or shoreline, City boulevards and outside of residences or commercial buildings.



### Can I apply for a permit to have a fire not for the sole purpose of cooking food?

You can apply for a permit to have a fire not for the sole purpose of cooking food, if the reason fits one of the following criteria:

- If the fire is to be used as part of a religious or cultural celebration or special event.
- For fire department member training.
- For ecological or conservation purposes.

You will need to complete an application form and submit it to the Victoria Fire Department.

The application will ask for a description of the event and your fire safety site plan. Please allow two weeks for your application to be reviewed. Application forms are available at [victoria.ca/firesafety](https://victoria.ca/firesafety).