



## **BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION**

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### **OUTDOOR FIREPLACES, FIRE PITS AND FIRE RINGS (AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES)**

1. Apply for a zoning permit online
2. Upload 1 copy of the lot survey, showing the location of the proposed fireplace/pit/ring in relation to the property lines and other structures. (See setback information below)
3. Upload 1 copy of plans, showing the proposed design.
4. Upload a [Lot Cover Calculation Sheet](#) if a revised survey with calculations is not provided. Some structures on the property may not be to scale or displayed on the survey and will require measurements to be taken on the property.

#### **FIRE PITS AND FIRE RINGS**

All fire rings or pits must be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences. Manufactured portable fire pits must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences.

#### **SETBACK INFORMATION**

(Contact the planning department for additional information 952-227-1132)

Chanhassen Zoning Ordinance: Sec. 20-904. Accessory structures.

- (a) A detached accessory structure, except a dock, shall be located in the buildable lot area or required rear yard. No accessory use or structure in any residential district shall be located in any required front, side or rear setback with the following exceptions:
  - (1) In the RSF and R-4 Districts accessory structures shall not exceed one thousand (1,000) square feet. These structures must be setback as follows:
    - a. Less than one hundred forty (140) square feet, minimum rear setback is five (5) feet.
    - b. One hundred forty-one (141) to three hundred ninety-nine (399) square feet, minimum rear setback is ten (10) feet.
    - c. Four hundred (400) square feet and above, minimum rear setback is thirty (30) feet.
    - d. Minimum side yard setback is ten (10) feet.

- (2) On riparian lots, detached garages and storage buildings may be located in the front or rear yard but must comply with front, side and applicable ordinary high watermark setbacks and may not occupy more than thirty (30) percent of the yard in which it is built.
  
- (3) Tennis courts and swimming pools may be located in rear yards with a minimum side and rear yard setback of ten (10) feet, [but] however, must comply with applicable ordinary high water mark setbacks.
  
- (b) A detached accessory structure may occupy not more than thirty (30) percent of the area of any rear yard.