

CITY OF MERRITT
SMALL CONFINED FIRES
Ceremonial Burning Permit



Merritt
FLOURISH UNDER THE SUN

DATE(S) OF BURN:	FROM: _____ TO: _____
APPLICANT'S NAME (PRINT):	
MAILING ADDRESS	
FIRE PERMIT PROPERTY ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)	
PRIMARY PHONE:	
EMAIL:	
SEND RENEWALS VIA EMAIL:	☐ YES ☐ NO

FIRE PIT LOCATION *(Complete if location changed from original application or sketch)*

Attach map or sketch of the property showing proposed fire location, and distances in metres to property boundaries and to structures. Attach a separate sheet as necessary.

I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of a Small Confined Fire. I agree that I may not light any fire before this application has been approved, and by filing this application, I am granting consent for an inspection by the City of Merritt Fire Department of my property.

FIRE CHIEF'S APPROVAL: _____	DATE: _____
DATE PROPERTY INSPECTED: _____	OR WAIVED (SIGN): _____

APPLICATION + FEE RECEIVED AT CITY HALL	DATE: _____
APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____

Attach the Registration Fee by cheque and mail or drop off payment and this form at City Hall in the mail drop box. [VIEW MERRITT.CA/FEES-BYLAW](http://VIEW.MERRITT.CA/FEES-BYLAW)



CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 2389

Burning for Community Events or Rituals

Every owner or occupier of property who starts or permits any outdoor fire to be ignited is responsible for such fire.

PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Burning for Community Events or Rituals is not permitted on City-owned property. Burning for Community Events and Rituals is only allowed on private property zoned for residential uses R1 to R7, or a campground with a valid business licence.
- No fire may be lit unless a Permit has been issued for the parcel of land on which the fire is to be lit.
- Any fire must be contained within a non-combustible base and edging. Only permitted material may be burned, and only in one pile no larger than 0.5 meters in height, 0.5 meters in width and 0.5 meters in length.
- All fires must be continuously controlled and supervised by a competent person equipped with extinguishing equipment and materials. This individual must ensure that any sparks, ash or cinders are prevented from igniting other combustible material, and must completely extinguish the fire following the Community Event or Ritual.
- All fires must be a minimum of 4 meters from buildings and property lines, and 3 meters from combustible material.
- Fires may only burn for a maximum of 4 hours per day, and between the hours of 6:00 am and midnight.
- If the purpose of the Permit is for a funeral or wake, the permitted duration of the Open Burning may be altered on approval by the Fire Chief.
- Neighbors of adjoining properties are to be notified by the permit holder as to the times of the burn.
- A property owner may be subject to cost recovery for any fire that prompts a response by the Merritt Fire Rescue Department, its Officers, or Inspectors, regardless of whether the response is for an emergency, a nuisance service call or complaint, or due to the failure to provide proof of a valid permit. Any outstanding charges not paid by December 31 of the year they are incurred shall be added to the property's tax roll and collected as municipal taxes.