

Fireplaces & Stoves



When to Apply

- A **building permit** is required for all factory built (metal) fireplaces, fireplace inserts, stoves, ranges, space heaters and solid fuel appliances (wood burning or pellet stove).
- A **gas permit** is required for gas fuel appliances.
- An **electrical permit** is required if the appliance is equipped with an electrical connection.

What to Submit

- The appropriate completed application form;
- Make/model number, and approval agency;
- Application fee (see current fee schedule); and
- A floor plan showing the location of the unit (building permit application only)

Depending on the scope of your project, additional information may also be required.

Building Regulations

In order to ensure a minimum fire safety standard, all factory built fireplaces and solid fuel burning appliances are required to carry an approved certification level, which specifies the entire assembly including the firebox, chimney parts, and glass doors have been tested as a package in accordance with the minimum standard.

Factory built fireplace assemblies must be installed in strict conformance with the manufacturer's instructions.

All fireplaces must conform to the requirements of all Safety Code Regulations in effect at the time of installation.

The Alberta Building Code prohibits the installation of a solid fuel burning appliance in a location where there could be a corrosive or explosive atmosphere.

Installation of a solid fuel burning appliance in a garage can be considered when in strict conformance with the CSA-B365-10 'Installation Code for Solid-Fuel Burning Appliances and Equipment.'

Coal Burning Fireplaces/Stoves

Anyone intending to install coal burning appliances should be aware that Strathcona County is currently considering restricting the burning of coal in furnaces and stoves within urban areas.

Alberta Environment states that, "coal emissions can be classed as a nuisance under Alberta's Public Health Act. This legislation allows for investigations into nuisances where they are, or could be harmful to health. A legal order can be issued to prevent a nuisance."

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