



Hearst Fire Department

Open Air Burning Permit (under authority of By-law No. 70-89)

Note: Call the Fire Department (372-8114) **prior to** starting the fire and **after** extinguishing the fire (after hours, call 362-4341)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Telephone: Permit No.:

Business name (if applicable):

Address:

Location of burn:

Date of burn: **(Permit valid 2 weeks only)**

Reason: Grass burning ☐ Land clearing ☐ Brush burning ☐ Other ☐ (please specify)

Signature of Fire Chief or authorized designate: _____

This permit is issued conditional upon strict compliance with guidelines set out in the application.

Every person who fails to obtain an Open Air Burning Permit shall be liable to prosecution under the Provincial Offences Act and to a fine of not more than 5000 \$.

PERMIT IS NOT VALID FOR DAY TIME BURNING AND DURING PERIODS OF FIRE BAN

Evening burning as per the "Forest Fire Prevention Act" states: *"The fire cannot be started until two hours before sunset or later and is extinguished two hours after sunrise the following day or earlier".*

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY UNDER ONTARIO FIRE CODE

Article 2.6.3.4 of the Ontario Fire Code states: *Open air burning is not permitted unless approved or unless such burning consists of a small confined fire supervised at all time and used to cook food on a grill or barbecue.*

FIRE PERMIT GUIDELINES

1. Burn only dry materials. Do not burn petroleum products, plastics, rubber or anything that will cause excessive smoke.
2. Keep a distance of at least 50 metres (164 feet) from buildings. The Fire Chief or his designate may at his discretion require a greater distance.
3. Only burn one pile at a time and pile must be limited to a controllable size.
4. Permit holder or designated adult must be present **at all times** and shall have at the location of the fire shovels and water pails or other equipment effective in controlling a fire.
5. Do not burn on days where fog or any weather condition prevents readily dispersion of smoke.
6. Do not burn where smoke will bother neighbours or blow across roadways and hamper driving visibility.
7. Burning is prohibited when winds are greater in strength than 16 km/hr.
8. Ensure fire is extinguished entirely before leaving the site.

PATIO DECK STOVES

Chimney or other types of non-listed wood burning appliances shall not be used on wood or other combustible decks or patios. They are to be kept at least 15 feet or 5 meters from buildings, fences, trees or other combustible materials. NOTIFICATION TO FIRE DEPARTMENT NOT REQUIRED. Use of such appliances is not permitted during periods of fire ban. Notwithstanding, precaution will be taken to avoid smoke nuisance for neighbours and reduction in driving visibility. Burning in such stoves is not permitted under these conditions.

Signature of Applicant