

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TYPES OF BURNING

- All fire should be supervised at all times by a person over the age of 18 years old.
- An extinguishing agent, such as water or fire extinguisher, must be on-hand at all times during burning and fires must be fully extinguished before being vacated.
- Only organic materials, such as wood and paper products should be burned. Under no circumstances should the following be burned: paint, solvent, tires, rubber, wires, chemicals or materials that violate Ministry of the Environment regulations. Please do not burn pressure treated wood or creosote treated wood.
- No fires should cause discomfort, danger, irritation or nuisance to your neighbours.
- In the event of drought or dry weather conditions, fire bans will be in effect. Notice of fire bans will be communicated via the Township website, local media and the sign at the Rockwood Fire Hall, 5141 Wellington Road 27. You may also call the Township Office at 519-856-9596 ext. 101 for information about fire bans.

Note: If the Fire Department is dispatched due to a complaint regarding public safety and/or nuisance, it will be at the discretion of the Fire Department to determine if the regulations set out have been adhered to. Repeat offenders will be charged for Fire Department responses.

OPEN AIR BURNING

What is it?

A fire for the purpose of burning brush, grass, wood and other organic combustible material. This type of burning is only permitted on properties that are zoned as agricultural in the Township Zoning By-law. Open air burning is NOT permitted on properties zoned residential.

Do I need a permit?

Yes. To obtain an Open Air Burn Permit, please visit the Township Office during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. For information about permits, please call 519-856-9596 ext. 101.

Fee: \$25.00 – Permits are valid for one year from the date the application and fee are submitted.

The Open Air Burn Permit sets out the following requirements for open air burning:

- Ignited only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- Must be ignited at a distance of 30 metres (100 ft) from buildings, hedges, fences, roads, overhead wires or obstructions
- Pit shall not exceed 3 metres by 3 metres (10 ft by 10 ft) in size.
- Stacked height of materials to be burned at a later date/time should not be higher than 2 metres (6 ft).
- A perimeter of 7 metres (25 ft) around the fire should be clear of any combustible materials.

COOKING FIRE

What is it?

A small, contained fire used to cook food.

Do I need a permit?

No, but you must comply with the following rules:

- Ignited only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- A perimeter of 7 metres (25 ft) around the fire should be clear of any combustible materials including trees, shrubs and hedges.
- Stacked height of materials to be burned at a later date/time should not be higher than 2 metres (6 ft).

- It is recommended that the fire be covered with a grill or a metal screen having a mesh size no larger than 2.5 cm (1 inch), which is positioned in such a manner to prevent the escape of combustible materials, including ash

RECREATIONAL FIRE

What is it?

A small, contained fire for recreational use, including bonfires.

Do I need a permit?

No, but you must comply with the following rules:

- Ignited only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- Recreational burning devices, such as chimineas, are permitted.
- Must be a minimum of 3 metres (10 ft) from combustible materials and adjacent properties
- Fire pits should not be more than 21 cm (8 inches) above grade with a maximum depth of 42 cm (16 inches).

- Dimensions of the wood shall not be greater than the size of the recreational burning device or pit.
- Do not use recreational burning devices when winds exceed 10 kilometres per hour or when smog alerts are in effect.
- Charcoal, briquettes and clean, seasoned wood may be burned.
- The fire must be covered with a grill or a metal screen having a mesh size no larger than 2.5 cm (1 inch), which is positioned in such a manner to prevent the escape of combustible materials, including ash.
- **Remember: No fires should cause discomfort, danger, irritation or nuisance to your neighbours.**

For more information on open air burning permits, please call 519-856-9596 ext. 101

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