# The Corporation of the Township of Douro-Dummer By-law Number 2020-35

## Being a By-Law to regulate Open-Air Burning in the Township of Douro-Dummer and to Repeal By-law Number 2015-05

**Whereas** Section 7.1(1) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4, as amended, states that a council of a municipality may pass by-laws regulating fire prevention including the prevention of the spreading of fires, and regulating the setting of open-air fires, including establishing the times during which open-air fires may be set;

**And Whereas** Section 7.1 (3) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4, as amended, provides that a by-law under this section may deal with different areas of the municipality differently;

**And Whereas** Section 7.1(4) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4, as amended, provides that a municipality may appoint an officer to enter upon land and into structures at any reasonable time to inspect the land and structures to determine whether by-laws enacted in accordance with this section are being complied with;

**And Whereas** Section 128 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended provides that a municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council, are or could become or cause a public nuisance;

**And Whereas** subsection 11(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes the municipality to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and wellbeing of persons;

**And Whereas** Section 391(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that despite any Act, a municipality and a local board may impose fees or charges on any person for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it or for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or local board;

**And Whereas** Section 446(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that if a municipality has the authority by any Act or under a

by-law to direct or require a person to do a matter or thing, the municipality may also provide that, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, the matter or thing shall be done at the person's expense and Section 446(3) provides that the municipality may recover the costs of doing a matter or thing from the person required to do it by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes;

**And Whereas** the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Douro-Dummer is desirous of enacting a by-law to regulate the setting and maintaining of open-air fires and reducing the public nuisance arising from such fires:

**Now Therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Douro-Dummer hereby enacts as follows:

#### **Part 1: Definitions**

**"Agricultural Fire"** means an *open-air fire* that supports farming purposes from the *property* on which the fire is taking place, with a minimum land size of 10 hectares (24.71 acres). See Schedule "A" for size and clearances.

"Appliances" refer to certified or listed devices for cooking or warmth; outdoor items include propane or natural gas patio heaters and fire tables/pits or bowls. Certified or Listed means equipment included in a list published by a certification organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada such as ULC or CSA. Devices are to be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A certification label must be visible, such as:











Gaseous fuel burning appliances are regulated by the <u>Technical Standards & Safety Authority</u> (TSSA). TSSA's Fuels Safety Program administers the *Technical Standards & Safety Act 2000*, providing fuel-related safety services associated with the safe transportation, storage, handling and use of hydrocarbon fuels (such as gasoline, diesel, propane and natural gas).

"Approved" means approved by the *Fire Chief*.

**"Burn Barrels"** shall mean metal drums or similar containers, which for the purposes of this By-law are not *incinerators* and are allowable for use providing they are in compliance with the same regulations as a *campfire*. All burn barrels shall have a heavy-duty screen with a mesh size of no greater than 6.35mm (1/4").

**"Campground"** means a campground as described in the Forest Fire Prevention Act, Reg. 207/96, being that a Campground allows camping only in cabins and designated campsites to the public on a temporary basis and is accessible by motor vehicle as define in the Highway Traffic Act.

"Campfire" means a small contained *open-air fire* that is used for warmth or cooking food. This type of fire must be contained by a non-combustible surrounding such as rocks, bricks, a metal fire ring or chiminea. See Schedule "A" for size and clearances.

"Chief Fire Official" means the assistant to the Fire Marshal who is the Municipal *Fire Chief* or a member or members appointed by the Municipal *Fire Chief* under Article 1.1.1.2. of Division C or a person appointed by the Fire Marshal under Article 1.1.1.1. of Division C of the Ontario Fire Code.

"Commercial Fire" means a fire conducted by a third party, hired to clear lands. Heavy equipment must be on site to create a fire break and control/extinguish fire as necessary.

"Competent Adult" means a person 18 years of age or older who is mentally and physically capable of safely managing open-air fires as well as competent in extinguishing method(s) selected.

**"Fire Chief"** shall mean the Fire Chief for the Township of Douro-Dummer, appointed under Part II, Section 6 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997.

**"Fire Department"** means a group of firefighters authorized to provide fire protection services by the Township of Douro-Dummer.

**"Flying Lanterns"** mean a type of firework, also referred to as Chinese Lanterns. These are considered to be an open-air fire that cannot meet the intent of this Bylaw and are therefore not permitted for use.

**"Forest Area"** are treed areas that are not (a) groups of trees covering an area of less than an acre, (b) scattered trees in agricultural landscapes, or (c) trees in parks and gardens and around buildings.

**"Incinerator"** means equipment intended for outdoor burning and shall conform with Sections 6.2.6 of the Ontario Building Code and 2.6.3 of the Ontario Fire Code. This does not include a **burn barrel**.

"Occupant" means the person(s) residing in premises, which they do not own.

**"Open-Air Fire"** means any fire or burning practice that is conducted outside a building and includes but is not limited to, small confined fires and larger fires, fires in *burn barrels*, *incinerators*, outdoor recreational fireplaces, prescribed burning, and construction/demolition site fires.

**"Owner"** includes any person, firm or corporation having control over any portion of a dwelling unit, multi-residential structure, building, lands or premises and may include landlords, building managers, rental agents, agents, trustee, representative of the owner, superintendents and includes any other person to whom rent is payable.

**"Prohibited Material"** shall include anything that is not clean dry wood or natural wood by-products. Painted, pressure treated or glued wood products are not considered clean and are prohibited.

"Permit" means written authority provided by the *Fire Chief* or their designate, attached hereto as Schedule "B" and forming part of this By-law. Permit Types: *Agricultural Fire, Burn Barrel, Campfire, Campground, Commercial Fire,* Incinerator Fire, *Resorts/Trailer Park, Residential Brush Fire*, and *Special Occurrence Fire*.

**"Property"** shall mean any public or private land, building or structure or other real property within the Township of Douro-Dummer.

"Residential Brush Fire" means an open-air fire that is a maximum of 2m in diameter and 1m in height. Clearances required are 10m from any combustibles (including dry vegetation), *property* line, overhead wire, highway or vehicular right of way and 15m from any structure/building.

"Resorts/Trailer Park" means recreational type facilities where multiple cabins and or trailers exist.

"Special Occurrence Fire" means an *open-air fire* that does not meet the requirements set out in this By-law and is specific for an event or specific occurrence. All Special Occurrence Fire *permits* require a site inspection and approval prior to any fire occurring.

**"Tenant"** means the person(s) renting or leasing a premise.

**"Township"** shall mean all properties within the defined boundaries of the Township of Douro-Dummer.

## **Part 2: Administration**

## Refer to Schedule "B" for a summary of permitted Open-Air Fires

- **2.1** The *Fire Chief* shall be responsible for administering the provisions of this By-law.
- **2.2** The *Fire Chief* may attach any such conditions as deemed appropriate to any open-air burning and will be at the discretion of the *Fire Chief*.
- 2.3 The Fire Chief appoints the Fire Department or Officers of the Fire Department as Chief Fire Officials for the purposes of this By-law and is given authority to respond, investigate, interview, report and direct and/or extinguish as deemed appropriate within the scope of this By-law. The Fire Department may enter on land at any reasonable time without prior notice for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine compliance with the provisions of this By-law.
- **2.4** No actions or proceedings may be taken against the *Fire Chief*, the *Fire Department*, a *Chief Fire Official*, any Municipal Official or their designates for any act or omission by he/she who acted in good faith in the execution of any power or duty of this By-law.
  - **2.5** Any words in bold and italics throughout the by-law are considered defined terms.

## Part 3: Exemptions

#### 3.1 Fire Department

The Township of Douro-Dummer Fire Services shall be exempt from the provisions of this By-law with respect to open-air burning.

## 3.2 *Campgrounds* – Annual *Permit* Still Required

The following criteria is specific to *Campgrounds* and reference from the Forest Fire Prevention Act (FFPA), O.Reg. 207/96 shall apply, but is still under the authority, control and penalties administered by the Township of

Douro-Dummer.

**Campgrounds** shall be exempt from the provisions of this By-law, when meeting the FPPA regulations as follows:

- <u>FFPA reference:</u> 8.7 A campground referred to in subsection 8.2 (3) and section 8.4 offers camping facilities to the public on a temporary basis and meets all of the following criteria:
- 1. The **campground** allows camping only in cabins and designated campsites, and all are accessible by motor vehicle as defined in the Highway Traffic Act.
- 2. The **campground** does not allow **campfires** between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- 3. The campground clearly posts the hours campfires will be allowed.
- 4. The **campground** has printed information on safe **campfires** and provides it to all of its guests.
- 5. The **campground** has adequate equipment to control and extinguish a fire that can be taken to any campsite or cabin within 10 minutes.
- 6. The **campground** has on site at all times staff who are instructed in the location and use of the equipment described in paragraph 5.
- 7. The **campground** has reliable two-way telecommunications equipment to allow it to obtain assistance if a fire escapes control. O. Reg. 230/00, s. 4; O. Reg. 64/10, s. 4.
- **8.4** No person shall set a wood fire in a permanent fire installation in a campground described in section 8.7 in a restricted fire zone unless all of the following conditions are met:
- 1. The fire is contained in,
- i. an above ground fire grate or fireplace that is designed to burn wood safely and that cannot be moved to an unsafe location,

or

- ii. a pit in the ground that has fireproof walls and is designed to burn wood safely.
- 2. The fire is at least three metres from any **forest area**, and the area within the three metre radius is completely free of flammable material.
- 3. The space immediately above the fire installation is at least three metres from any overhanging vegetation.
- 4. The **owner** or operator of the **campground** expressly permits the fire to be set during a time when the **campground** is in a restricted fire zone. O. Reg. 230/00, s. 4; O. Reg. 64/10, s. 3.
- **8.2** (3) No person shall use a portable or permanent charcoal installation for cooking or warmth in a restricted fire zone in a **campground** described in section 8.7 unless all of the following conditions are met:
- 1. The installation is designed to use commercially produced charcoal as fuel.
- 2. Commercially produced charcoal is used as the fuel.
- 3. The **owner** or operator of the **campground** expressly permits a charcoal installation to be used during a time when the **campground** is in a restricted fire zone. O. Reg. 230/00, s. 4.

## 3.3 Construction, Maintenance & Repairs

Responsible use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, gasoline or kerosene in a device intended for heating, construction or maintenance activities. This includes blow torches, cutting, welding and paving activities.

## 3.4 Emergency safety/signaling flares

Safely used by emergency services or for a person in distress signaling for help.

## 3.5 Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning/Combustion Appliances

"Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning/Combustion Appliance" (also referred to as an outdoor wood burning furnace), means a solid fuel burning appliance, which is used for the space heating of buildings, the heating of water or other such purpose and which is located in separate building or the exterior of the building which it serves. **This By-law does not regulate such appliances** — **Refer to Township of Douro-Dummer Zoning By-law for regulations or the Ontario Fire Protection and Prevention Act for fire safety.** 

#### 3.6 Provincial and Federal Parks

Open-air burning, including *campfires* in provincial or federal parks are covered under other fire prevention legislation.

## 3.7 Appliances

**Appliances** as described are exempt from this By-law. Refer to manufacturer's instructions for safe operations.

## 3.8 Other Flaming Devices

The following open-air flaming devise may be used without a permit providing they are maintained and supervised at all times:

- i) a gel pot designed to hold one (1) fuel cell at a time, providing the fuel cell does not exceed 396g (13 oz),
- ii) candles or tiki torches with a total fuel capacity not more than 510g (18 oz), or outdoor cooking devices that are not *appliances*, but include grilling, baking or cooking using charcoal, wood or wood pellets. Site-built type of devices must be done in accordance with the Ontario Building Code and Township Zoning By-law

## **Part 4: Restrictions on Burning**

#### 4.1 Regulations

No person may set an **open-air fire** or allow a fire to burn except in accordance with the provision of this By-law and all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations.

## 4.2 Permits

No person may set a fire to burn in the open-air without obtaining a permit. Conditions as prescribed within the type of permit must be met. Permits must be *approved* prior to being valid. Permits must be activated before initiating an open-air burn.

Individuals at a *Campground* or *Resorts/Trailer Park* do not need to obtain a permit as this is covered by the *Campground* or *Resort/Trailer Parks* annual permit.

#### 4.3 Prohibited Materials

No person may burn *prohibited materials*.

## 4.4 Supervision

All *open-air fires* shall be attended and supervised by a *competent adult* at all times.

## 4.5 Adequate means of Extinguishment

**Competent Adult** (s) shall ensure that an adequate means of extinguishing the fire is within 10m of the fire site while the fire is burning.

**4.6** *Flying Lanterns* are a type of firework and are considered to be an open-air fire that cannot meet the intent of this By-law and are therefore not permitted for use.

## 4.7 Destruction of fire department property

No person shall, without lawful authority, tear down, remove, damage, deface or interfere with any equipment, including Fire Index Signs and Burn Ban notices.

## 4.8 Neighbour Dispute

If investigation of repeated burn complaint determines this is a neighbour dispute and the fire meets the spirit of this By-law, then applicable charges may occur to the caller.

#### 4.9 Incinerators – conditions of the Fire Chief

Any person(s) installing and or using an *Incinerator* must be in compliance with Sections 6.2.6 of the Ontario Building Code and 2.6.3 of the Ontario Fire Code.

#### 4.10 Air Quality

**Open-air fires** are to be suspended during episodes of poor air quality. Refer to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Park's website <a href="https://www.airqualityontario.com/aqhi/today.php?sites=59006">www.airqualityontario.com/aqhi/today.php?sites=59006</a>. During an Air Quality Health Index of more than 6, burning should be avoided and a no-burn day may be implemented. Burning during rain, freezing rain, fog or snow is also not advisable due to the poor burn efficiency of wet wood.

## 4.11 Wind Direction and Speed

Prevailing wind during the burn should be away, to the extent possible, from any receptors likely to be affected by the smoke (receptors include residences, schools, places of worship etc.) Planning the burn around predicted wind direction is essential to ensuring that fire containment and safety are maintained and as such should be a primary consideration. Stagnant air conditions are not ideal for burning as the smoke does not easily dissipate and creates air quality hazards. Light winds can help the smoke to rise and disperse. Winds above 25 km/h should be considered dangerous and *open-air fires* shall be extinguished or avoided.

No person may set or allow a fire to burn when the wind direction will cause:

- a) a decrease in visibility on any roadway,
- b) any odour or smoke to such an extent or degree so as to cause discomfort to person, or hazards to health, cause loss of enjoyment or normal use of *property* in the immediate area, or
- c) a rapid spread of fire through grass to a bush area.

## 4.12 Roadways

No *open-air fire* may be set or allowed to burn on roadways or land that is owned by the *Township* (*Special Occurrence Permit* may be *approved*).

#### **4.13 New Construction Sites:**

Only *campfire* or *residential brush fires* with clearances exceeding 100m to construction may be set or allowed to burn on any construction site. All other clearances related to permit type are applicable

#### 4.14 Owner Consent

No *open-air fire* may be set or allowed to burn on any land or premise without the written consent of the *owner*.

#### 4.15 Time of Day

No *open-air fire* other than a *campfire* may burn between sunset on the evening of any day and sunrise on the following day.

## 4.16 Ignition Sources

- 1) No person shall throw or drop, in or within 300 metres of a *forest area*,
  - a) a lit match, cigarette, cigar or other smoking material,
  - b) live coals, or
  - c) hot ashes.
- 2) No person who discharges a firearm, a flare, fireworks or explosives in or within 300 metres of a *forest area* shall leave any residue from the discharge unextinguished.

#### Part 5: Burn Ban

#### **5.1** Fire Ban or No-Burn Day

No **open-air fire** may be set during a fire ban or no-burn day declared by the **Fire Chief**, with exception to Part 3 Exemptions. This may include the discharge of fireworks. A fire ban or no-burn day may be in place due to atmospheric conditions, local circumstances or dry conditions.

## 5.2 Geographical Area

A burning ban enacted under Section 7.1 of this By-law may be applied to the entire municipality or portions thereof at the discretion of the *Fire Chief*.

#### **5.3** Fires Extinguished

If an *open-air fire* is not immediately extinguished by the person(s) responsible, the *fire department* shall extinguish all *open-air fires* under a burning ban, without recourse by the effected parties.

## **Part 6: Permit System**

- **6.1 Permits** are required for **all open-air fires** and are available online, at the Township of Douro-Dummer Municipal Office or the Douro-Dummer Library.
- **6.2** The *Fire Chief* is granted the authority to approve of the setting of *open-air fire* in accordance with the provisions of this By-law, provided the *permit* is completed and *approved*, attached hereto as Schedule "B".
- 6.3 An *Open-Air Fire* permit or permission may be cancelled at any time by the *Fire Chief*, and immediately upon receiving such notice of cancelation the person(s) responsible shall extinguish any fire started under this By-law.
- **6.4** If a *permit* is cancelled, approval from the *Fire Chief* shall occur prior to reactivating a *permit*.
- **6.5** Fees for fire *permits* are in accordance with the Township of Douro-Dummer User Fee and Charges By-law. All fire *permits* require payment

- and approval prior to being valid. *Permits* requiring a site inspection must be scheduled and allow up to 5 days to process.
- Prior to igniting your fire, your *permit* must be activated. This does not apply to *Campgrounds* and Resort *permits*. This can be done through the burn permitting website or by phone. See Schedule "A" for details.
- **6.7** All *permits* expire at the end of the calendar year, unless otherwise stated on the permit.

## **Part 7: Offences and Penalties**

All Offences and penalties are at the discretion of the *Fire Chief*. A first-time warning is not mandatory and will be at the discretion of the *Fire Chief*.

## 7.1 Ontario Fire Code

The regulation of open-air burning in Douro-Dummer is enforceable through Part II, Section 7.1 of the Fire Protection And Prevention Act, 1997. This regulation is also enforceable through O.Reg. 213/07: Fire Code, Division B, Sentences 2.4.4.4.(1) and (2).

## 7.2 Other Applicable Law

Division A, Sentence 1.2.3.1. Compliance with this Code does not relieve the *owner* from compliance with other applicable Acts and regulations, and, where a requirement of an applicable Act or regulation conflicts with a requirement of this Code, the more stringent requirement prevails, unless the more stringent requirement is in this Code and this Code says that the requirement of the other Act or regulation prevails.

## 7.3 Provincial Offences Act

Any person, firm, or corporation who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, P. 33, as amended from time to time, or any replacement legislation.

## 7.4 Municipal By-law

Every person who contravenes any provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable to the fees in accordance with the Township of Douro-Dummer User Fees & Charges By-law. Any special equipment needed, not limited to Ministry of Natural Resources Forestry, other fire department or third-party contractor(s) will be billed at cost plus an additional 20% for administrative costs.

The Township has the right to collect any unpaid costs associated with this By-law, in a like manner as municipal taxes.

## 7.5 Severability

Each provision of this By-law is independent of all other provisions, and if any provision is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this By-law remain valid and enforceable.

- **8.** This By-law will supersede any by-law that is in conflict with this By-law.
- **9.** This By-law shall come into full force and effect on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

10.	The Township of Douro-Dummer By-law 2015-05 is hereby repealed as of July $2^{nd}$ , 2020.
	Passed in open Council this 30 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020
	Mayor, J. Murray Jones
	Clerk, Crystal McMillan

## Schedule "A"

Only clean dry wood or natural wood by-products are allowed to be burned. Painted, pressure treated or glued wood products are not considered clean and are prohibited. No burning of garbage at any time.

https://dourodummer.burnpermits.com/ or 1-844-971-1121 to activate your permit

# **Permit Types**

Fees for fire permits are in accordance with the Township of Douro-Dummer User Fee and Charges By-law. All fire permits require payment and approval prior to being considered valid. Permits requiring a site inspection must be scheduled and allow up to 5 business days to process.

## Agricultural fire:

An agricultural fire pile shall not exceed 5m in diameter, 2m in height and shall have a minimum of 20m clearances to property lines, combustibles (including dry vegetation) and 100m to any structure.

## **Burn Barrel:**

A burn barrel is a metal drum or similar container. Containers must be no larger than one (1) meter in diameter and height. All burn barrels shall have a heavy-duty screen with a mesh size of no greater than 6.35mm (1/4"). Clearances required are 3m from property lines and combustibles (including dry vegetation).

## Campfire:

A campfire is used for warmth or cooking food. A campfire wood pile will not exceed more than one (1) meter in diameter and half a meter in height. Clearances required are 3m from property lines and combustibles (including dry vegetation). A campfire fire must be contained by a non-combustible surrounding such as rocks, bricks, a metal fire ring or a chiminea.

## **Campground, Trailer Park or Resort:**

The Campground, Trailer Park or Resort permit is for a location with numerous campfire sites and covers the entire park. Annual inspection is required. Size and clearance restrictions are the same as defined for a Campfire.

## **Commercial Fire:**

A Commercial Fire permit is obtained by for the clearing of land. Heavy equipment must be available and ready to control and extinguish fire as necessary. A commercial fire pile shall not exceed 10m in diameter, 5m in height and shall have a minimum of 50m clearances to property lines, combustibles (including dry vegetation) and 150m to any structure.

## **Incinerator:**

An incinerator is intended for outdoor burning and shall conform to Sections 6.2.6 of the Ontario Building Code and 2.6.3 of the Ontario Fire Code.

## **Residential Brush Fire:**

A residential brush fire has a maximum pile diameter of 2m and maximum height of 1m. Clearances required are 10m from any combustibles (including dry vegetation), property lines, overhead wires, highway or vehicular right of ways and 15m from any structure or building.

#### **Special Occurrence Fire:**

A Special Occurrence Fire is an open-air fire that does not meet the requirements of any permit type and is specific for an event or occurrence. All Special Occurrence Fire permits require a site inspection to determine

approved size and clearances prior to any fire occurring.

#### Schedule "B"

Summary of Allowable Open-Air Burning
It is the responsibility of the person(s) burning to be familiar with the Open-Air
Burning By-law; Schedule "B" is a guide only.

#### **Open-Air Fire Summary of Rules**

**Permission** – A permit is required for any open-air fire. See <a href="https://dourodummer.burnpermits.com/">https://dourodummer.burnpermits.com/</a> or Schedule "A" for types of permits available. Property owner's consent is required to obtain a permit.

**Attendance** – All open-air burning in the Township of Douro-Dummer shall be attended and supervised at all times by a competent person.

**Material -** Only the burning of clean wood and brush is permitted. Painted, pressure treated or glued wood products are not considered clean and are prohibited. No burning of garbage at any time.

**Extinguishment** – adequate means of extinguishment shall be within 10m of burn site.

**Flying Lanterns** are a type of firework and are considered to be an open-air fire that cannot meet the intent of this By-law and are therefore not permitted for use at any time.

**Fireworks** will be included in a fire ban related to dry conditions. This will be clearly indicated on the burn permit website.

**Wind -** No burning will be permitted if wind is over 25 km/h. No person may set or allow a fire to burn when the wind direction will cause:

- a) a decrease in visibility on any roadway,
- b) any odour or smoke to such an extent or degree so as to cause discomfort to person, or hazards to health, cause loss of enjoyment or normal use of property in the immediate area, or
- c) a rapid spread of fire through grass to a bush area.

**Burn Ban** - will <u>always</u> override any permission or permit obtained to conduct open-air burning. Campgrounds may be exempt. Refer to Part 3 Exemptions of the By-law for allowable burning during a fire ban.

**Penalty & Fees** - Costs associated with Open-Air Burning By-law related violations may be subject to fees as outlined in the Township User fees and Charges By-law.

**Air Quality -** Open-air fires are to be suspended during episodes of poor air quality. Refer to <a href="https://www.airqualityontario.com/aqhi/today.php?sites=59006">www.airqualityontario.com/aqhi/today.php?sites=59006</a>. During an Air Quality Health Index of more than 6, burning should be avoided and a no-burn day may be implemented.

Burning during rain, freezing rain, fog or snow is also not advisable due to the poor burn efficiency of wet wood.

#### **Ignition Sources**

- 1) No person shall throw or drop, in or within 300 metres of a forest area,
  - a) a lit match, cigarette, cigar or other smoking material,
  - b) live coals, or
  - c) hot ashes.
- 2) No person who discharges a firearm, a flare, fireworks or explosives in or within 300 metres of a forest area shall leave any residue from the discharge unextinguished.

**Time of Day -** No open-air fire other than a campfire may burn between sunset on the evening of any day and sunrise on the following day.

**New Construction Sites** - Only campfire or residential brush fires with clearances exceeding 100m to construction may be set or allowed to burn on any construction site. All other clearances related to permit type are applicable.

## **Safety Considerations**

Be aware of potential personal injury, such as superficial burns or ignition of clothing from sparks or flame. Also be aware of possibilities of injury and fire spread resulting from accidental tipping of outdoor fireplaces or chimineas. Check these units regularly *before* use for the appearance of cracks or other physical deterioration.

Inspections can be done upon request, even if a permit is not required.