








OUTDOOR FIRES



-  Keep things that can burn a safe distance from the fire, chairs, tents, blankets, shoes and pantlegs can catch fire quickly and with no warning.
-  Fire and alcohol don't mix. For the safety of those around you, please stay sober while you have a fire.
-  Use paper to start your fire. The use of flammable liquids or aerosols around fires is the number one cause of campfire burns and injuries.
-  Always have a way to put out the fire on hand. A fire extinguisher, garden hose, or a bucket of water nearby can prevent a disaster.
-  Only burn clean, dry wood. Throwing trash into the fire produces black smoke that contains many toxins and increased carbon monoxide levels.
-  Watch small children and pets in the vicinity of a fire. Most burn injuries on small children happen when the child is unattended.
-  Be mindful of the weather when burning. Changes in wind direction and wind speeds can throw embers and sparks into neighbouring grasses or fields.

VIOLATIONS

Any person that violates the Open Air Burning By-law is guilty of an offence and must pay a fine to the Township. If the Fire Department is dispatched to attend a fire at a property and the fire is found to be in contravention of our burn by-law, the person who started the fire and/or the property owner may be billed and/or charged under the Provincial Offences Act for the fire service response. Fire response is billed per truck, per hour, at the MTO billing rate and the full cost of the response will be billed out. Typical responses can be up to three trucks, depending on the nature of the 911 call and additional trucks will be added at the discretion of the Fire Chief. The result is a total cost recovery invoice that can range from \$1,500 to \$15,000 for a typical response and exceeding this for a large response situation.



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RECREATIONAL FIRES

(Permit Not Required)

Recreational fires are permitted anywhere in the Township provided proper clearances can be maintained.

Fire must be contained within appropriate device or confined area and cannot be larger than 2ft x 2ft.

Must be a minimum of 4.5m (15ft) from any combustible structure (building, tree, fence, etc.)

Can burn from 4pm to Midnight.

But please be neighbourly! If smoke from your fire disrupts your neighbours, you will have to extinguish it.

Burn clean, dry wood—untreated and unpainted.

There must be a responsible adult with the fire at all times! An acceptable means of extinguishment must be kept nearby.

The fire must be supervised at all times, and fully extinguished before leaving.

No burning will be permitted during “High Risk Periods” as declared by the Fire Chief or “Poor Air Quality Days” as declared by Environment Canada.



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OPEN AIR BURNING

(Permit Required)

Open Air Burning is not permitted in hamlets or built-up areas, but is permitted in rural areas in the Township with a valid open air burning permit. Open Air Burn Permit application forms are available at www.zorra.ca. There is no fee for this permit and an approved permit is good for the life of your property.

Burn pile must not exceed 9 square meters in area and 2 meters in height while burning, unless otherwise approved by the Fire Chief following an on-site inspection.

Burns shall be located at least 30 meters from any combustible structure, vegetation, or materials.

Open Air Burning is permitted during daylight hours ONLY. Fire must be completely extinguished before dark.

No burning of petroleum based products will be permitted. All burning materials must be generated on the landowners property.

A responsible adult must be with the Open Air Burn at all times and the valid permit must be available. An acceptable means of extinguishment must be available.

The Fire MUST be supervised at all times, not left abandoned, and extinguishment must be confirmed before leaving the area. There will be NO BURNING allowed during “High Risk Periods” as declared by the Fire Chief or “Poor Air Quality Days” as declared by Environment Canada.

You MUST call dispatch at the phone number provided on your valid burn permit at least 30 minutes before you start the burn.