



Open Air Fire By-law Regulations

FARM FIRE PERMIT

- Issued to owners or operators of agricultural operations (as defined by the *Farming and Food Protection Act*) to dispose of clean, unpainted wood and natural vegetation ON AGRICULTURAL ZONED LANDS ONLY, consistent with normal farming practice.
- Fires are allowed only BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET on any day.
- Fire must be CONFINED to a SINGLE Fire Pit or pile that MAY NOT EXCEED 6 metres (approximately 20 feet) in diameter or 2 metres (approx. 6 feet) in height, unless otherwise allowed by the Fire Chief under an approved Burning Safety Plan.
- Maintain MINIMUM PERIMETER of 5 metres (approx. 16 feet) clear of combustible material and dry vegetation around the fire.
- Maintain MINIMUM DISTANCE of 60 metres (approx. 200 feet) between the fire and any building, structure, fence, property line, roadway, railway, overhead wire, or combustible material.

URBAN FIRE PERMIT

- Property lot size must be MINIMUM WIDTH of 12 metres (approximately 40 feet).
- Fires are allowed only BETWEEN 4 P.M. and 11 P.M. on any day.
- CONFINE fire to an Outdoor Fireplace or Fire Pit NO LARGER THAN 61 centimetres in diameter (approx. 2 feet) and the height of the material being burned is no greater than 61 centimetres.
- Maintain MINIMUM DISTANCE of 6 metres (approx. 20 feet) between the fire and any adjacent property or roadway.
- Maintain MINIMUM DISTANCE of 5 metres (approx. 16 feet) between the fire and any building, structure, fence, overhead wire, or combustible material.
- NOT allowed on a combustible surface or deck, or on or near dry grass or vegetation.

RURAL FIRE PERMIT

- NOT permitted in an Urban Area.
- Fires are allowed only BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 11 P.M. on any day.
- CONFINE fire to an Outdoor Fireplace or Fire Pit NO LARGER THAN 1 metre (approx. 3 feet) in diameter and the height of the material being burned is no greater than 1 metre.
- Maintain MINIMUM DISTANCE of 10 metres (approx. 33 feet) between the fire and any building, structure, fence, property line, roadway, overhead wire, or combustible material.

CAMPGROUND FIRE PERMIT

- A BURNING SAFETY PLAN must be submitted with the Campground Fire Permit application, and approved by the Fire Chief.
- Each Campground fire must be confined to a Fire Pit or Outdoor Fireplace.
- Maintain MINIMUM of 3 metres (approx. 10 feet) between each fire and any building, structure, fence, or combustible material.



REGULATIONS FOR ALL OPEN AIR FIRES

- ALL Open Air Fires in the Town of Lincoln require a valid Open Air Fire Permit, except for small fires for cooking food that are contained entirely within a fixed or portable barbecue or within a metal or masonry enclosure with a metal grill or screen on top, the size of the fire is reasonable for the quantity of food, only commercially produced charcoal, briquettes or clean, dry, seasoned wood are used, and is supervised at all times by a Competent Person. Listed gas-fired outdoor appliances are exempt.
- NO prohibited materials may be burned (including garbage, residential, commercial, industrial, construction, or demolition waste, hazardous materials, tires, plastic materials, furniture, appliances, and upholstered items, treated or painted wood, plywood, composite wood products, leaves and grass clippings, animal fecal deposits, manure, and animal carcasses, and paper or cardboard except for reasonable minimal amounts used solely for starting an Open Air Fire).
- NOT allowed on any highway, road allowance, or public property. NOT allowed on any commercial or industrial property.
- MUST be confined to a Fire Pit or Outdoor Fireplace. NO grass fires are allowed.
- Smoke from the fire NOT allowed to blow across a public road or highway thereby decreasing visibility to motorists.
- Smoke, odour, ashes, or embers from the fire NOT allowed to invade a neighbouring property thereby creating a Nuisance.
- NOT allowed if the wind velocity is 20 kilometres per hour or greater.
- NOT allowed during rainy or foggy weather or when a smog alert or air quality advisory has been issued.
- MUST be a Competent Person 18 years of age or older in attendance to supervise the fire during the entire time it is burning, and who MUST ensure that the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the site where the fire was burning.
- MUST have adequate means to control and extinguish the fire on hand and ready for immediate use while fire is burning.
- NOT allowed during a ban on open air burning declared by the Fire Chief.
- NOT allowed within 75 metres (approx. 250 feet) of a location listed on the Sensitive Receptor Registry.
- NOT allowed in a burn barrel, waste incinerator, or similar device.
- Flying Lanterns may NOT be ignited or released into the air within, or that fly over, the geographical boundaries of the Town.
- A copy of this Open Air Permit MUST be available for inspection upon request at the site of the Open Air Fire.