



# OPEN AIR BURNING GUIDE



KNOW THE RULES BEFORE YOU BURN

## RECREATIONAL FIRES

No Permit Required



**Note:** Fire permits for recreational fires are not required, but they are recommended.



**WHEN**  
Anytime permitted by by-law



**MAXIMUM SIZE**  
Fire must not exceed 1 m x 1 m in diameter and the flames cannot be greater than 2 ft in height.



**DISTANCES (MINIMUM)**

- 5 m (16') from property lines, buildings, trees, hedge, fence, roadway, deck, overhead wire or any other combustible materials.
- 5 m (16') from any structure



**FUEL ALLOWED**  
Only commercially produced fire logs, charcoal, briquettes, wood chips or clean, dry seasoned wood.



**NUMBER OF FIRES**  
One fire pit



**SUPERVISION**  
Supervised by competent person.



**FIRE SUPPRESSION**  
Adequate means to extinguish fire on site.



**END OF DAY**  
Extinguish before leaving.



## OPEN AIR FIRES LESS THAN 2 m<sup>2</sup>

Permit Required



**WHEN**  
Between sunrise and sunset.  
No burning in the settlement\* area.



**MAXIMUM SIZE**  
Fire must not exceed 2 m x 2 m in area (2 metres square).



**DISTANCES (MINIMUM)**

- 50 m (164') from nearest dwelling
- 10 m (33') from property line
- 25 m (82') from forest, woodland or building



**NUMBER OF PILES**  
No more than 3 piles  
Minimum 5 m (16') between each pile



**FUEL ALLOWED**  
Only clean, dry brush.



**SUPERVISION**  
Supervised at all times by competent person.



**FIRE SUPPRESSION**  
Adequate means to extinguish fire on site.



**PERMIT**  
Permit on site and available.



## OPEN AIR FIRES GREATER THAN 2 m<sup>2</sup>

Permit Required

(FARMING & LAND CLEARING OPERATIONS)



**WHEN**  
Between sunrise and sunset.



**MAXIMUM SIZE**  
Pile must not exceed 10 m (33') in diameter and 10 m (33') in height.



**NUMBER OF PILES**  
No more than 3 piles  
Minimum 9 m (30') between piles



**DISTANCES (MINIMUM)**

- 75 m (246') from building, structures, standing timber or other flammable or combustible materials
- 200 m (656') adjacent to any residence not owned by permit holder



**SUPERVISION**  
Supervised at all times by competent person.



**FIRE SUPPRESSION**  
Mechanical equipment to control and/or extinguish the fire must be on site.



**END OF DAY**  
Must be extinguished at end of each day.



**PERMIT**  
Permit on site and available.

## BURN BARREL & RECEPTACLE No Permit Required



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One barrel or receptacle at a time.



Between sunrise and sunset.



No burning in the settlement\* area.



Only brush, leaves or grass cuttings.



Minimum 50 m (164') from nearest dwelling.



Minimum 5 m (16') from property line, any structure, building, tree, hedge, fence, roadway, deck, etc.

\* Settlement area means cities, towns, villages. See By-Law 53-2018 for complete definitions.

## IMPORTANT - FOR ALL FIRES NO BURNING WHEN WINDS EXCEED 15 KM/H



A competent adult must supervise the fire at all times.



Adequate equipment to extinguish fire must be on site.



Burn permits must remain on site when required.

**FINES RANGE FROM \$150 - \$500 PER INFRACTION**

**PLAN AHEAD - PERMIT PROCESSING MAY TAKE UP TO 48 HOURS**  
To ensure your burn permit is ready when you need it, apply early and email your application directly to: [firechief@northstormont.ca](mailto:firechief@northstormont.ca) For questions, contact the Township Office: **613-984-2821**

All Open Air permits are valid until December 31st of the current year.

This document has been prepared for convenience only. For a complete version of our policy on Open Air Burning, please contact the Township Office (613) 984-2821.