



## **Guidelines for Fires in Open Air**

In order to protect the citizens of Parry Sound and their property from potential fire hazards, a Burning Control By-law exists within the Town of Parry Sound. This guideline is strictly designed for educational purposes and for accurate inquiries the

By-law itself should be referred to.

A Ministry of Natural Resources declared restricted fire zone has ultimate jurisdiction and must be adhered to at all times. Open air fire including those set for warmth or cooking are not permitted during a restricted fire zone.

The Ministry of Natural Resources no longer issues fire permits for small scale residential burning.

### **Open Air Burning**

- Burning of wood or discarded wood products will be permitted under a permit, except in the Absolute Prohibition Area (Downtown - Central Business District).
- Incinerators will be allowed except in the Absolute Prohibition Area. (Downtown - Central Business District) A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for an incinerator permit.
- Camp/Recreational Fires will be permitted except in the Absolute Prohibition Area.
- (Downtown - Central Business District) - No permit required.
- ULC Approved portable gas stoves or charcoal appliances for the purpose of cooking or obtaining warmth is allowed in all areas.
- Burning of grass, leaves and brush in NOT allowed.

### **Absolute Prohibition**

A fire in open air is not permitted in areas of the Town of Parry Sound identified in the Absolute Prohibition Area described below. Barbeques as well as fires for cooking and to obtain warmth are exempt. Fires for cooking and obtaining warmth must be in a portable stove or charcoal installation and in the case of a stove, must be at least one

meter from naturally occurring flammable material. Camp/Recreational fires are NOT allowed.

### **Absolute Prohibition Area Downtown - Central Business District**

No person shall start a fire either in open air or in a yard incinerator in the Central Business District of the Town of Parry Sound as defined by the Town of Parry Sound Official Plan.

Seguin Street Lots 5 to 60

Mary Street Lots 9 to 36

McMurray Street South Side Lots 2 to 10

Rosetta Street Lots 2 to 11

James Street Lots 6 to 113

Miller Street All Lots

Gibson Street West Side Lots 16 to 58

East Side Lots 31 to 56

Church Street East Side Lots 3 to 25

William Street Lots 2 to 25

### **Fires in Other Areas**

Are permitted in all other areas of the Town provided that the following burn regulations are adhered to:

#### **No Person Shall Set a Fire in Open Air or Permit a Fire to Burn:**

1. Using materials other than Class A combustibles (wood or discarded wood by-products). Burning of materials such as rubber tires, paint, asphalt shingles, chemical wastes, synthetic or man-made materials is QI permitted.
2. On any travelled portion of any common or public highway.

3. On any asphalt surface.
4. In any park owned or operated by the Municipality without written permission of the Municipality.
5. Within 15 meters (50') of any building, structure, hedge, fence, vehicular roadway of any kind, nature or overhead wires.
6. Within 8 meters (26') of any property line.
7. Unless constantly attended by a responsible person until the fire is out.
8. Without having apparatus, equipment and responsible personnel (18 years of age) and a supply of water ready, sufficient to control the fire.
9. Under conditions whereby the wind may carry or expand the fire to another part of the lot on which the fire is located or to another lot.
10. In such a manner and condition that the smoke there from impairs the vision on highways or roadways.
11. Under conditions whereby any odour or smoke may cause inconvenience, irritation or discomfort to others.
12. Which includes a fire in a yard incinerator after 8:00pm in the evenings or before 7:00am in the morning.
13. Unless placed in a single pile less than 2 meters in diameter and less than 2 meters high. Notwithstanding the generality of this cause, the Chief Fire Official or his delegate may upon application extend the size of the pile to be burned.
14. Within 2 meters of flammable material.
15. Within 5 meters of a forest or woodland.

## **Incinerators**

1. Within 5 meters of any building, structure, forest or woodland.
2. Within 2 meters of any flammable material.
3. In a yard incinerator unless enclosed and covered by a heavy steel screen mesh with openings less than 5 millimeters.

## **Grass Fires**

No person shall set a fire outdoors for the purpose of burning grass.

## **Leaf Fires**

No person shall set a fire for the purpose of burning leaves,

## **Camp/Recreational Fires**

Camp fires are permitted in all areas EXCEPT in the Absolute Prohibition Area

No person shall have a fire outdoors for the purpose of a Camp/Recreational Fire unless:

1. The fire is not greater than 75cm (30 ") in diameter by 90cm (36") in height.
  2. The fire is at least 1 meter from any flammable material.
  3. The fire is at least 3 meters from overhanging vegetation, forest or woodland.
  4. The fire is at least 15 meters from any building or structure.
- I. Upon the fire department being dispatched to extinguish an illegal fire a service will be levied.
- II. The By-law does not exempt any person from their responsibility involving the impact of smoke on the surrounding air quality. Check with the Ministry of the Environment and Energy for more details.

## **Fire Rating Definitions**

### **Low**

Day time burning allowed - **Permit Required**

- approved incinerators and campfires are allowed

### **Moderate**

Day time burning allowed - **Permit Required**

- approved incinerators and campfires are allowed

## **High**

**No Open Burning** - including incinerators & chimineas

- burn permits are suspended
- campfires for cooking and warmth only

## **Extreme**

**No Open Burning**

- campfires not allowed except for those in organized campgrounds

## **Fire Ban**

**No Open Burning**