



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN



OFFICE OF THE FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Open-Air Burning Recreational Burns/Fires Regulations

In accordance with the Ontario Fire Code Division B, Article 2.4.4.4 of O. Reg. 213/07

Recreational fires/burnings are permitted provided such fire complies with the following requirements at all times:

- i. Recreational open-air burning may be conducted between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. only;
- ii. No person shall conduct a recreational open-air burn/fire on lands without the written permission of the registered property owner.
- iii. Where a property is operated as a short-term rental accommodation and recreational open-air burning is permitted on the property, the property owner shall provide a copy of this by-law to all renters as part of the rental information package.
- iv. No materials other than commercially produced charcoal, briquettes or clean, dry seasoned wood may be burned;
- v. Recreational burnings shall be confined to non-combustible containers or to a pit no larger than two (2) feet (61 centimetres) by two (2) feet (61 centimetres) with flames not to exceed (2) two feet (61 centimetres) in height.
- vi. Recreational burning shall be conducted in such a manner as to preclude the escape from the fire of combustible solids such as sparks and ash.
- vii. The dimensions of the fuel being burnt shall not be greater than the size of the container or fire pit and shall be totally confined within the container or pit at all times.
- viii. Recreational burning shall be confined to a location that provides for a minimum distance of ten (10) feet (3 metres) in all directions from adjacent properties, from any structure or combustibles such as shrubs, hedges, and trees.
- ix. An effective extinguishing agent of sufficient size and with the capability of extinguishing the fire shall be immediately available for use.
- x. Recreational open-air burning shall be attended, controlled, and supervised at all times and shall be completely extinguished before the open-air burn site is vacated.
- xi. Recreational burns are not permitted when the wind speed exceeds fifteen (15) kms per hour or during rainy or foggy weather or at times when a smog alert has been declared or a fire ban has been implemented. The appropriate Federal and/or Provincial Government agency shall be used as the source for this information.
- xii. The owner, occupant or Permit holder must take steps to ensure that adjacent properties are protected and that the by-products of open-air burnings do not have a negative impact on persons, pets, livestock or the environment.