



OPEN AIR BURNING

Open air burning has become a concern for a number of environmental conscious residents in the Municipality. The Municipality is providing some alternatives for consideration by both our urban and rural residents, in order to reduce air pollution and to promote recycling and reuse.

Open air burning is regulated within the municipality. Open air burning will only be conducted with approval of the Fire Chief or his/her designate and in accordance with the conditions set out in the Controlled Burn Permit issued by the Fire Chief or his/her designate.

There are different rules regarding burning in our urban and rural areas. The Municipality suggests the following safe and environmentally friendly practices be adopted by you, your family and your neighbours.

Rural Areas

- ✓ For brush and scrub vegetation
- ✓ Must obtain a permit from the Fire Chief
- ✓ Must be supervised at all times
- × Not for garbage or recyclables; save time by using blue box or garbage tags
- × No construction materials

Urban Settlement Areas

- ✓ For cooking and warmth
- ✓ Restricted to 0.2 cubic metres of wood or charcoal
- ✓ Must be supervised at all times
- × Not for garbage or recyclables; save time by using blue box or garbage tags
- × No construction materials

When trash is burned in a burn barrel or woodstove, the fire is not hot enough to destroy poisonous substances, nor does it receive enough oxygen to burn efficiently. Left-over ashes can cause land and water contamination. The smoke is released right at ground level where it can directly harm others. In short, backyard trash burning is unhealthy for you, your family and your neighbours.

Save Time by Recycling and Bagging

Don't spend unnecessary time and increase air pollution by burning small amounts of recyclables and waste. Burning garbage is in violation of the Municipal Burning By-law and the Environmental Protection Act.

Putting your old telephone book in the blue box only takes seconds.... No smoke or ashes to clean up.

Let's all do our part to keep Thames Centre clean and beautiful!

CONTROLLED BURN PERMIT

Application Date: _____

Fire Department Emergency Telephone: 911
Thames Centre Fire Department Fax No.: 519-268-3928 or 519-268-0844
Thames Centre Fire Chief: Randy Kalan (cell) 519-281-8949 (office) 519-268-7334 ext. 712
Strathroy Caradoc Police Services Dispatchers: Toll Free: 1-844-220-1300
Name of Applicant:
Name of Owner of Property Where Open Burn Will Be Conducted: (if different from Applicant)
Municipal Address:
Telephone:
Proposed Date of Controlled Burn:
Proposed Time of Controlled Burn:
Type of Fire: (dwelling, brush, barn, etc.)
Location of Fire:
Specify Type of Burn Matter:
On-Site Methods of Extinguishment:
Applicant's Signature:
Owner's Signature: (if different from Applicant)
Fire Chief/Designate's Signature:
Date of Permit:

The Applicant agrees to comply with the Provisions of the Municipality's Open Air Burning By-law and agrees to assume all responsibility for any damages occurring from the fire, including the cost of extinguishment by the Fire Department, if required.

The material to be burned shall be limited to wood or by-products of wood.

The size of the material to be burned shall be at the discretion of the Fire Chief or Designate.

A person who has obtained a burn permit pursuant to this section shall:

- (i) ensure that the size of the material to be burned at any one time is as approved by the Fire Chief or Designate;
- (ii) ensure that the means of extinguishing the fire designated on the permit form is available at the site at all times during the fire;
- (iii) ensure that the applicant or some designated responsible person is on the site at all times attending the fire;
- (iv) notify the Fire Chief prior to lighting of fire (see above for phone #); and
- (v) notify the Strathroy Caradoc Police Services Dispatchers prior to lighting of fire (see above for phone #).

Other Conditions:

Note: The Controlled Burn Permit is valid for seven (7) days from the date of issue, provided the applicant informs the Fire Chief of the specific day he/she intends to set the approved fire.