



## OPEN AIR BURNING BY-LAW

Open air burning is regulated within the Township of Malahide. The following outlines the different rules regarding burning in our urban and rural areas.

### URBAN AREAS:

(Springfield, Port Bruce, Hamlets, etc.)

NO permit is required for:

1. Cooking Fires (confined within a barbeque or grill).
2. Patio torches, fireworks and candles.
3. Chiminea not more than 24" in diameter.
4. Recreational Fire (warmth, recreation or cooking) maximum of 26" height, width and length .

All fires **MUST** be:

1. Attended to by a responsible person.
2. Controlled so that the flames and hot embers do not pose a risk of fire to nearby combustible materials.
3. No closer than 4 meters from any building, structure, property line, tree, etc.

Smoke is **NOT** permitted to travel:

1. To a neighboring property to such an extent that it may cause discomfort, loss of enjoyment or normal use of property, etc.
2. Across any public roadway to the extent that it may cause a public safety hazard.
3. Any Burn Permit holder who is in violation of this By-law could have their Burn Permit revoked and ordered to extinguish all fires immediately

***NO OTHER TYPES OF FIRES ARE PERMITTED IN URBAN AREAS.***

### RURAL AREAS:

NO permit is required for Cooking Fires and other fires that are permitted in *Urban Areas*.

Permits **ARE** required for:

1. Burning authorized materials in larger quantities than is set out where no permit is required.

All fires under a Burn Permit **MUST**:

1. Be attended to by a responsible person.
2. Be controlled so that the flames and hot embers do not pose a risk of fire to nearby combustible materials or overhead wires.
3. Be 30m from any building or combustible materials.
4. Be 150m from any occupied building when the wind direction may carry smoke in the vicinity of the occupied building.
5. Not be more than 9 sq.m. in area and 2m in height.
6. In the case of an area zoned agricultural shall not exceed 36 sq.m. and 2m in height.

**NO** burning shall take place between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise.

All Burn Permits are suspended during sustained wind speeds of 20 km/hr or more, or when the Fire Chief determines there is a high or extreme fire risk.

The holder of a Burn Permit will be required to advise Fire Dispatch before any burning commences.

### Authorized Materials that May be Burned:

- Wood and Wood by-products that are not chemically treated, painted or stained
- Paper and cardboard
- Brush, stumps, hay straw and grass and other yard and natural agricultural materials
- Natural or petroleum gasses or liquids used as appliance fuels
- Charcoal
- Paper Seed Bags
- Other clean burning combustible materials that may be specifically approved by the Fire Chief.

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