



Outdoor Burning & Fire Safety Guidelines

For

“OPEN” FIRES for the burning of clean wood & “RECREATIONAL” FIRES for enjoyment or cooking.

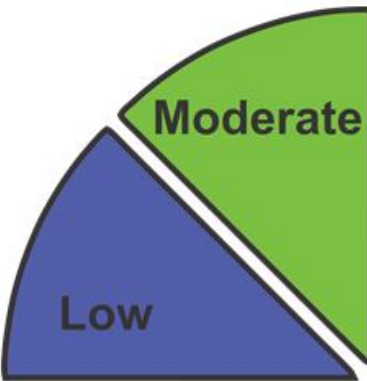


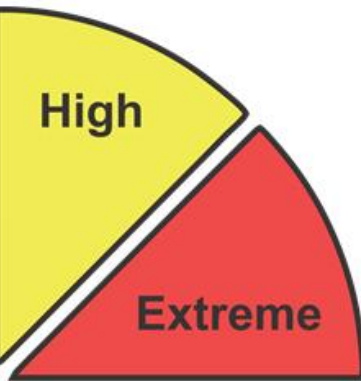




*See **By-law 2017-21 for complete regulations** on outdoor burning and clarification of the following information:

- “OPEN” FIRE regulations include size limits (2M x 2M) for burning clean wood/yard debris and must be a minimum of 10M away from any structures or combustible materials.
- “RECREATIONAL” FIRES must be no larger than 1M x 1M should have a non-combustible base under it and a containment ring of metal or stones if possible. The location must be 5M away from all combustible materials.

The following are GENERAL PROHIBITIONS for Outdoor Burning:

- NO setting fires during High or Extreme Fire Danger Ratings (see image to right) and always check the current rating at www.thearchipelago.on.ca
- Under favourable conditions fires may be started no earlier than 6pm and must be extinguished before 2am.
- ALL permitted outdoor fires MUST be under the care & control of a competent person at all times.
- ALL fires must have adequate control / suppression devices immediately available.
- ALL fires must be clear of combustible material as per the by-law regulations.
- ALWAYS consider the potential hazards such as wind, drifting smoke and sparks.
- Only burn clean/acceptable materials.

Persons who initiate a fire AND the property owner (even if not on-site) can be charged for violations of By-law 2017-21. Persons can ALSO be held liable for ALL costs related to the investigation of a violation AND costs related to containing /suppressing a fire which is illegal or has spread!

FIRE RATINGS			
			
			
LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
LOW and MODERATE FIRE RATINGS: No person shall start a fire outdoors during the Fire Season (April 1 st to October 31 st) unless the fire is started not earlier than 6:00 p.m. in the evening, and is extinguished not later than 2:00 a.m. the following day or earlier. Fires for cooking and warmth permitted		Fire Danger is SERIOUS NO OPEN BURNING except contained campfires for cooking and warmth FIREWORKS PROHIBITED	Fire Danger is EXTREMELY HIGH NO OPEN BURNING of any kind! TOTAL FIRE BAN DECLARED + FIREWORKS PROHIBITED

PLEASE ENSURE BOTH YOU & YOUR GUESTS FOLLOW THE RULES!

For more information: Visit our By-law section on the website: www.thearchipelago.on.ca

Contact By-law department staff at 705.746.4243 Ext. 325 or email fire@vianet.ca

Key Messages:



The following are guidelines for the **SAFE USE** of **OPEN FIRES**:

- ✓ **CHECK** the Fire Rating status (available on-line at www.thearchipelago.on.ca) and also be mindful of wind direction to ensure fire does NOT drift towards a combustible area or present a risk to driving/navigation.
 - If quite windy, please consider delaying your burning to another day.
- ✓ **Build** fires on bare soil or exposed rock, well sheltered from the wind. Keep a pail of water and a shovel on hand to control the fire.
- ✓ **Appoint** a competent person to be in charge. Fires should never be left unattended and must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving the site.
- ✓ **Douse** fires with water and stir the ashes with a stick or shovel to allow the water to soak in and cool both the ashes and ground.

Fact

Wildfires destroy an average of 200,000 hectares of forested land each year in Ontario !

Please remember that the geography & abundance of vegetation within our Township increases our risk exposure to the reality of fires spread rapidly.

Outdoor Burning regulations are in place and enforced in order to prevent wildfires and damage to personal property. Fires can be extremely dangerous and each year a number of preventable fires occur from improper use and handling. **Don't become a statistic – Become Safety Conscious!**

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