



Open-Air Fire By-law Regulations Summary

FARM FIRE PERMIT

- Issued to owners or operators of agricultural operations (as defined by the *Farming and Food Protection Act*) to set and maintain an Open-Air Fire from time to time for the purpose of disposing of clean, wood waste in a manner that is consistent with Normal Farm Practice in an area that is zoned for agricultural use under the zoning law.
- Fires are allowed only BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET on any day.
- Fire must be CONFINED to a SINGLE Fire or pile that MAY NOT EXCEED 6 meters in diameter and material being burned does not exceed 2 meters in height, unless otherwise specifically approved by the Fire Chief.
- Maintain MINIMUM PERIMETER of 5 meters around the Open-Air Fire which is clear of combustible material such as dry ground cover or vegetation.
- Maintain MINIMUM DISTANCE of 60 meters from the Open-Air Fire to any building, structure, fence, property line, highway, railway, overhead wire, or combustible material.
- Must comply with all provisions, conditions, and prohibitions prescribed by the By-law.

URBAN FIRE PERMIT

- Property lot size must be MINIMUM WIDTH of 12 meters.
- Open-Air Fires are allowed to be set or maintained only BETWEEN 4 P.M. and 11 P.M. on any day.
- CONFINE the Open-Air Fire to a Fire Pit or Outdoor Fireplace NO GREATER THAN 61 centimeters in diameter and where the material being burned is no greater than 61 centimeters in height.
- Maintain MINIMUM DISTANCE of 6 meters between the Open-Air Fire and any adjacent property or Highway.
- Maintain MINIMUM DISTANCE of 4 meters between the Open-Air Fire and any building, structure, fence, overhead wire, or combustible material.
- Open-Air Fires are not allowed to be set or maintained on a combustible surface or deck, or on or near dry grass or vegetation.
- Open-Air Fires must be completely covered at all times, except when fuel is being added to the fire, by a metal spark screen to prevent the escape of any sparks, embers or other flammable debris from the Fire Pit or Outdoor Fireplace.
- Open-Air Fires are not allowed to be set or maintained allowed on a combustible surface or deck, or on or near dry grass or vegetation.
- Must comply with all provisions, conditions, and prohibitions prescribed by the By-law.

RURAL FIRE PERMIT

- A Rural Fire Permit does NOT permit Open-Air Fires to be set or maintained in an Urban Area.
- Fires are allowed to be set or maintained only BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 11 P.M. on any day.
- CONFINE the Open-Air Fire to a Fire Pit or Outdoor Fireplace of NO LARGER THAN 1 meter

(approx. 3 feet) in diameter and the height of the material being burned is no greater than 1 meter.

- Maintain MINIMUM DISTANCE of 10 meters (approx. 33 feet) between the fire and any building, structure, fence, overhead wire, combustible material, adjacent property, Highway or railway.
- Must comply with all provisions, conditions, and prohibitions prescribed by the By-law.

CAMPGROUND FIRE PERMIT

- Every person in a Campground who sets or maintains an Open-Air Fire under the authority of a Campground Fire Permit must confine each Open-Air Fire to a Fire Pit or Outdoor Fireplace.
- Maintain MINIMUM of 3 meters (approx. 10 feet) between each fire and any building, structure, fence, or combustible material.
- Must comply with all provisions, conditions, and prohibitions prescribed by the By-law.

SPECIFIC EVENT FIRE PERMIT

- Property lot size must be MINIMUM WIDTH of 12 meters.
- Open-Air Fires are allowed to be set or maintained only BETWEEN 4 P.M. and 11 P.M. on any day.
- CONFINE the Open-Air Fire to a Fire Pit or Outdoor Fireplace.
- Requires consultation with the Fire Chief to determine, through the permit application process, the appropriate size and location of the Open-Air Fire.
- Requires compliance with any property-specific permit conditions that the Fire Chief may impose to address any aspect of the event that the Fire Chief determines may be necessary.
- Open-Air Fires are not allowed to be set or maintained on a combustible surface or deck, or on or near dry grass or vegetation.
- Must comply with all provisions, conditions, and prohibitions prescribed by the By-law.

Regulations Summary for All Open-Air Fires

- ALL Open-Air Fires in the Town of Grimsby require a valid Open-Air Fire Permit, except for small, confined fires that are used to cook food on a grill, barbeque or spit; the size of the fire is reasonable for the type and quantity of food being cooked, and the fire is supervised at all times by a Competent Person.
- This by-law does not apply to the use of an Appliance that meets the requirements of the Technical Standards and Safety Act (TSSA), 200, S.O. 2000, c.16 that is for outdoor use, assembled and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- NO prohibited materials may be burned (including garbage, trash, and residential, commercial, industrial, construction, or demolition waste materials – including asphalt products, shingles, metals, electrical wiring and fiberglass; hazardous materials including chemicals, pesticides, flammable liquids, batteries, used oil, paints, solvents, tires and rubber materials; plastic materials; furniture, appliances, and upholstered items; treated or painted wood including but not limited to plywood, composite wood products, or other wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives; leaves (unless attached to Woodwaste) and grass clippings; animal fecal deposits, manure, and animal carcasses; and paper and cardboard, except for reasonable minimal amounts used solely for the purpose of starting an Open-Air Fire).
- NOT allowed on any highway, road allowance, or public property. NOT allowed on any commercial or industrial property.

- MUST be confined to a Fire Pit or Outdoor Fireplace. NO grass fires are allowed.
- Smoke from the fire NOT allowed to blow across a public road or highway thereby decreasing visibility to motorists.
Smoke, odor, ashes, or embers from the fire NOT allowed to invade a neighboring property thereby creating a Nuisance.
- NOT allowed if the wind velocity is 20 kilometers per hour or greater.
- NOT allowed during rainy or foggy weather or when a smog alert or air quality advisory has been issued.
- MUST be a Competent Person 18 years of age or older in attendance to supervise the fire during the entire time it is burning, and who MUST ensure that the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the site where the fire was burning.
- MUST have adequate means to control and extinguish the fire on hand and ready for immediate use while fire is burning.
- NOT allowed during a ban on Open-Air burning declared by the Fire Chief.
- NOT allowed within 75 meters (approx. 250 feet) of a location listed on the Sensitive Receptor Registry.
- NOT allowed in a burn barrel, waste incinerator, or similar device.
- Flying Lanterns may NOT be ignited or released into the air within, or that fly over, the geographical boundaries of the Town.
- A copy of Open-Air Permit MUST be available for inspection upon request at the site of the Open-Air Fire.