



What You Need To Know About

OPEN AIR BURNING

OPEN AIR BURNING means any fire or burning that is conducted outside a building. Open air burning is not permitted within the City of Toronto except under the following conditions:

- A permit has been issued by Toronto Fire Services and/or Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
- The open air burning consists of a small, confined fire that is used to cook food on a grill, barbecue or spit. The burning must be in proportion to the type and quantity of food being cooked and be supervised at all times.
- The appliance being used meets the requirements of the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000, and is for outdoor use which has been assembled and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Examples of open air burning may include but are not limited to the following:



FIRE BOWLS/PITS



SKY LANTERNS



CAMPFIRES



BURN DRUMS



BONFIRES



INCINERATORS



BRUSH/LEAVES



OUTDOOR FIREPLACES



CHIMINEAS

REMEMBER

Outdoor fireplaces can be purchased at retail outlets throughout the city but it does not mean that open air burning is permitted for their use.

WOOD FUELLED recreational campfires, fire pits, chimineas and fire bowls are not permitted. Natural gas and propane fuelled, decorative fire pits are allowed and do not require a permit; however, they are not intended to be used to cook food. These fire pits must be:

- Operated with natural gas or propane only
- Supervised at all times
- Operated in a safe manner and located away from combustibles
- ULC / CSA approved
- Certified for outdoor use
- Assembled, installed and operated following the manufacturer's instructions



Open air burning can cause significant fire hazards, produce toxic fumes and chemicals, reduced visibility and increased odours.

Never burn leaves, rubbish, plastics, accelerants like gasoline, wood or cardboard. Embers from burning leaves and garbage are not only toxic but the embers may be blown into another property and cause a fire. Any open air burning that does not meet the requirements in the Ontario Fire Code shall be extinguished.

KNOW THE LAW

Ontario Fire Code 2.4.4.4.

- (1) Open-air burning shall not take place unless
- (a) it has been approved, or
 - (b) the open-air burning consists of a small, confined fire that is
 - (i) used to cook food on a grill, barbecue or spit,
 - (ii) commensurate with the type and quantity of food being cooked, and
 - (iii) supervised at all times.
- (2) Sentence (1) does not apply to the use of an appliance that
- (a) meets the requirements of the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000,
 - (b) is for outdoor use,
 - (c) if assembled, has been assembled in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, and
 - (d) if installed, has been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.



For clarification or additional information regarding Open Air Burning contact your local Fire Prevention office:

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East (416) 338-9250
Wards: 14 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

South (416) 338-9350
Wards: 9 10 11 12 13

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