



NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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GUIDELINES FOR A CONTROLLED OPEN AIR BURN

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR A CONTROLLED OPEN AIR BURN, THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES MUST BE MET, OR SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICIAL IN WRITING.

1. Permission to burn outside the urban boundary will be provided on an annual basis and can be processed through an online fillable form on the Town's website. In the event the applicant does not have access to the online form, the applicant can call the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Customer Service Department or Fire & Emergency Services at 905-468-3266 prior to having a controlled open air burn. (Office Opening Times: Mon. to Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
2. If the request is to burn within the urban boundary, written conditional authorization from the Chief Fire Official must be provided. This may be provided annually for specific situations.
3. You must receive permission – therefore, please do not leave a message on voicemail.
4. If you have multiple farms/lands, please provide us the address/location where the actual burn is taking place.
5. Smoke shall not pass over any road and/or highway so as to decrease the visibility of on-coming traffic.
6. Burning is not permitted on the municipal road allowance and/or below overhead cables and wires.
7. Any odour and/or smoke, to such an extent or degree, must not cause discomfort to persons or hazards of health, or cause loss of enjoyment of normal use of property in the immediate area, may result in the Fire Department requiring extinguishment.
8. A controlled open air burn shall not occur when wind conditions exist over 24 kms per hour, so as to cause any or all of the above.
9. The fire must be supervised at all times.
10. A controlled open air burn shall be extinguished one (1) hour before sunset and will not be started before sunrise.
11. Means of extinguishment must be provided at burn location, i.e. brooms, backhoe, and water hose.
12. A controlled burn shall not be started within 50 meters of any building, structure, fence, or other combustible material.
13. A controlled burn shall be restricted to the burning of brush only. Note: You must not burn household waste, construction material or any other material harmful to the environment.
14. Any person setting a fire will be responsible for their actions and may be charged by the Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire & Emergency Services for their services in the event of an emergency.