

INGERSOLL FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Open Air Burning

General Provisions

Open air burning – Regulations

No person shall conduct open air burning within the boundaries of the Town of Ingersoll unless permission has been given by the Fire Chief.

Recreational Burning

Recreational fires may be permitted which are contained within non combustible containers or pits specifically designed for open air burnings.

The following regulations shall apply with respect to open air burnings for recreational purposes:

- a) Open air burnings may be conducted between the hours of 4 pm and midnight only.
- b) No materials other than commercially produced charcoal, briquettes or clean, dry seasoned wood may be burned.
- c) Open burnings shall be confined to non combustible containers or to a pit no larger than two (2) feet (61 centimetres) by two (2) feet (61 centimetres) with flames not to exceed (2) feet (61 centimetres) in height.
- d) Open burning shall be conducted in such a manner as to preclude the escape from the fire of combustible solids such as sparks and ash.
- e) The dimensions of the fuel being burnt shall not be greater than the size of the container or fire pit and shall be totally confined within the container or pit at all times.
- f) Open air burning shall be confined to a location that provides for a minimum distance of (15) feet (4.5) metres in all directions from adjacent properties, fences, bushes, trees, and dry vegetation.
- g) Open air burnings shall be confined to an area that is a minimum of (15) feet (4.5) metres from structures.
- h) An effective extinguishing agent of sufficient size and with the capability of extinguishing the fire shall be immediately available for use.
- i) Open air burning shall be attended, controlled and supervised at all times and shall be completely extinguished before the open air burn site is vacated.
- j) Open air burnings are not permitted when the wind speed exceeds 15 kilometres per hour or during rainy or foggy weather or at times when a smog alert has been declared. The appropriate Federal and/or Provincial Government agency shall be used as the source for this information.
- k) The owner, occupant or permit holder must take steps to ensure that adjacent properties are protected and that the by-products of open air burnings do not have a negative impact on persons, pets or the environment

The conditions listed above are subject to change and may be revoked at any time.