



GUIDELINES FOR OPEN BURNING - WOLFORD WARD VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE - WOLFORD

Any person(s), who sets out or allows a fire to burn and any person who is unable to control such fire, leading to the response of the Village Fire Department, shall be liable for the expenses of the Fire Department, including personnel, equipment and apparatus costs (including outside rental equipment) incurred in response to the fire.

GUIDELINES OPEN BURNING

1. Materials to be burned shall only be wood products
2. Burning shall not occur on windy days or under weather conditions that limit the rapid dispersion of smoke
3. Burning shall not occur, that causes an inconvenience or irritation to others
4. Every person(s) who starts a fire shall ensure that there is adequate equipment and water resources available on the site to contain the fire. And, all remaining embers or ashes shall be removed or wet down thoroughly, before leaving the fire
5. The burning of buildings, grass, hay, straw or leaves is prohibited
6. No person shall burn on a road allowance or on property that is not their own - in a location which would interfere with traffic
7. No person shall set any fire out of doors except in the presence of a competent adult, who shall be in constant attendance of any burning operation so as to prevent the fire from spreading to, or endangering other property
8. Burning shall only occur a safe distance (deemed to be 15.54 metres (50 ft) from any building, fence, trees, dry grass or hay, telephone, cable or hydro pole or lines or any substance liable to create a danger
9. Burning may be cancelled or suspended at any time, and immediately upon receiving notice of such cancellation or suspension all fires shall be extinguished
10. Materials that shall not be burned include, cardboard, paper products, petroleum products, plastics, rubber, painted lumber and all recyclable items or products that will cause excessive fumes or smoke.

ALL AIR-POLLUTION COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY ENVIRONMENT ONTARIO, MAY BE INVESTIGATED, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE A BURN BARREL

1. Unless it is a metal barrel in good condition, with a heavy duty screen having a mesh size not greater than five (5) millimetres (1/4 inch), covering any openings and securely held in place, and the screen must be replaced when any portion is burned out
2. That is situated less than 15.54 metres (50 ft) from a forest, woodland or building
3. Unless the barrel is situated in an area of bare rock or bare mineral soil, at least (2) metres (6 ft) in width immediately surrounding the burn barrel

AS A COURTESY - NOTIFY YOUR NEIGHBOURS BEFORE BEGINNING ANY BURNING

These rules / guidelines are strictly fire safety measures and do not relieve the person(s) in charge of the burning operation of responsibility for liability.