

OUTDOOR BURNING GUIDELINES



Every owner shall ensure that all open air burning on their land complies with the Outdoor Burning By-law.

A copy of the Outdoor Burning By-law is available:

By calling the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Fire Department at 705-789-5201

online at www.huntsville.ca or www.lakeofbays.on.ca

**** this brochure is for informational purposes only please refer to the complete By-law for specific details**

For the daily Fire Danger Rating in Muskoka Call:

1-877-847-1577

Below are examples of the fines that are applicable through the Outdoor Burning By-law and the Fees and Charges By-law.

Fire outside of permitted hours	\$ 300.00
Burning during fire ban or restricted times	\$ 300.00
Fail to extinguish fire when ordered to do so	\$ 300.00
Burning in fire pit larger than permitted	\$ 300.00
Burning adversely affecting other persons	\$ 300.00
Burning of materials not permitted	\$ 300.00
Failure to supervise burning	\$ 300.00
Failure by owner to ensure compliance	\$ 300.00
Burning that adversely affects other persons	\$ 300.00
Fail to follow permit conditions	\$ 300.00
Burning without extinguishing device	\$ 300.00
Brush/grass fires, unattended fires smoke complaints	\$ 450.00/truck and personnel

Permission to burn may be issued under specific circumstances.

Please contact:

Huntsville/Lake of Bays Fire Department at (705) 789-5201 for further information.

Penalties

If the Fire Department attends any open air burning due to fire hazard, whether in response to a complaint or otherwise, the Chief Fire Official or By-law Enforcement Officer has the discretion to order the fire extinguished and to determine compliance to the Outdoor Burning By-law.

Fines may be levied as per the Outdoor Burning By-law; plus any other costs incurred.

Should the person conducting the fire fail to comply as directed, that person and/or the owner may be held liable for any and all costs incurred in extinguishing the fire or bringing it into compliance.

Where applicable, such costs shall be calculated in accordance with the User Fees By-law.

Recreational Open Air Burning

Recreational Open Air Burning is a small, controlled and contained fire for the purpose of cooking, warmth or personal enjoyment.

Maximum device or a fire pit size is with a burn area no larger than two feet by two feet or 61 cm x 61 cm in size.

Burning to be conducted between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 am. from April 1 to October 31.

Burning to be a minimum of 6 meters (19.5 feet) in all directions from adjacent properties, combustible structures or objects.

Recreational fires shall contain only commercially produced charcoal, briquettes or clean, dry, seasoned wood.

A hose or other form of fire extinguishing method must be immediately available.

A competent adult must be in attendance at all times.

No burning may take place during a smog alert, foggy conditions or when winds are in excess of 30 km/hr.

Smoke may not obscure roads or buildings.

Sparks must not travel to adjacent buildings.

Fire must be completely extinguished prior to burn site being vacated.

Non-recreational Open Air Burning

The maximum size for any open air burn pile is no greater than two (2) meters (6.5 ft.) in diameter and two (2) meters (6.5 ft.) in height.

A non-recreational open air burn will consist of only clean, dry seasoned wood or brush.

Burning to be conducted between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 am. from April 1 to October 31.

There must be a minimum distance of (100) one hundred meters (328 ft.) from any adjacent dwelling units or combustibles.

Adjacent properties and individuals are to be protected from any fire hazard and not to be adversely affected by the products of combustion.

The fire must be attended, controlled and supervised at all times by a competent adult and the fire must be completely extinguished before the open air burn site is vacated.

An effective extinguishing agent or device of sufficient size and with the capability of extinguishing the fire must be available.

No burning may take place during a smog alert, foggy conditions or when winds are in excess of 30 km/hr.

All precautions will be taken to prevent the fire from getting beyond control, causing damage, or becoming a danger to life and/or property.

Items That You Cannot Burn

No yard waste may be burned.

Yard waste includes, but is not limited to, grass, leaves, trees, brush/hedge trimmings, spent flowers, garden plants, weeds, pine needles, hay, straw and sawdust.

No painted wood, pressure treated wood or creosote treated wood may be burned.

HOW TO GET RID OF YOUR YARD WASTE

For information regarding composting, landfill and hazardous waste sites contact the District of Muskoka at:

<http://www.muskoka.on.ca>

705-645-6764 or 1-800-281-3483