

This pamphlet contains an excerpt from
By-Law 3072, which is a by-law to
regulate open air burning in the Town of
Tillsonburg. It became effective on
October 27, 2003.



Before you have a recreational fire read
the following rules and conditions
contained in this brochure. However, to
fully understand your responsibility and
the penalties that may result for failure
to comply with regulations, you are
advised to obtain a complete version of
By-Law 3072.

A copy of the by-law may be requested in
person at the Tillsonburg Customer
Service Centre at 10 Lisgar Avenue. By-
laws are also available to be viewed on-
line at our municipal website:
<http://www.town.tillsonburg.on.ca/>

To file a complaint under
item (k) please call:
Fire Communications (519) 842-3229

*Each step toward safety is one step
further from tragedy*



Excerpt from By-law 3072

Part 2 General Provisions

2.2 Permission-Recreational Burning

Permission is granted, by the Fire Chief, for open air burnings that 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 briquette 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) in size.
- (d) When in use the open burning device or pit shall be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen having mesh openings no larger than one half (.5) inch (13 millimetres) which shall be placed 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 to a maximum of one (1) cubic foot (.03 cubic metres) and shall be totally confined within the container or pit at all times.
- (f) An open air burning shall be confined to a location that provides for a minimum distance of five (5) metres (16.4 feet) in all directions from adjacent properties.
- (g) Open-air burnings shall be confined to an area that is a minimum of three (3) metres (9.84 feet) from combustible structures or objects.
- (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 burnings 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 byproducts of open-air burnings do not have a negative impact on persons, pets or the environment.