



Is a Burn Permit Required?

A permit is not required if your recreational fire meets all the requirements of By-Law 3072. However, if you cannot meet the requirements of this by-law, you can request a Burn Permit.

The Fire Chief, or designate, will review your situation and evaluate the safety and potential impact to neighbours and property prior to issuing a permit.

Questions About By-Law 3072?

If you have questions about open-air fires, please contact Tillsonburg Fire and Rescue Services at:

fire@tillsonburg.ca or call us at
519-688-3009 ext. 4912

Concerns or Complaints?

If you have a concern or complaint regarding an open-air fire, please contact Tillsonburg Fire Communications by phone at 519-842-3229.

This line is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Please do not call 911 unless the fire is a life-threatening emergency.*



Tillsonburg Fire & Rescue Services

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RECREATIONAL FIRES

TOWN OF TILLSONBURG

A Guide to By-Law 3072





Are Campfires or Outdoor Cooking Fires Allowed?

Open-air burning is regulated in the Town of Tillsonburg by By-Law 3072. In general, you are allowed to have a recreational fire or a outdoor cooking fire if the requirements outlined in this brochure are followed.

Requirements Include:

Containing your fire in a non-combustible container or pit specifically designed for open-air burning and ensuring your fire is located away from combustible structures or objects.

Ensuring your fire and the resulting smoke is not a nuisance to your neighbours. Complaints from neighbours may require the fire to be extinguished, even if all other conditions are met.

Recreational or outdoor cooking fires are only allowed between the hours of 4:00 PM and midnight.

Fires are not permitted when wind speeds exceed 15 kph, or during rainy/foggy conditions.

From time to time, an open-air burn ban may be declared due to dry conditions or poor air quality.



What Can I Burn?

Open-air burning poses risks to the environment and health. Burning anything outdoors pollutes the air we breathe.

- Only burn clean, dry, seasoned fire wood or commercially produced charcoal or briquettes.
- Yard waste, garbage or other materials should not be burned at any time. Please visit www.tillsonburg.ca/transferstation for garbage and household waste disposal options.
- The fire itself may be no larger than 1 cubic foot and must be totally confined to the container/pit.

Safety Considerations

- Required to keep an effective extinguishing agent (ex. water or sand) nearby at all times.
- You must attend the fire at all times until it is entirely extinguished.
- Renters and tenants are encouraged to obtain written permission from their landlord or property owner before conducting any open-air fires.

What if my Fire Receives Complaints?

Complaints from neighbours regarding smoke in their property may require your fire to be extinguished regardless of requirements being met.

Read About By-Law 3072 Online:
www.tillsonburg.ca/burn

If your fire does not meet all requirements listed above, and in this brochure, the property owner may be charged in accordance with the current Town of Tillsonburg Rates and Fees By-Law.