

BURNING PERMIT INFORMATION

For any open fire in Prince Edward County, burning permits are required. These permits are to be renewed yearly at a cost of \$15.00 and are valid for the calendar year of issue.

***Never Leave Your
Outdoor Fire
Unattended***



**Prince Edward County
Fire Department
Administration Office
2 Ross Street
Picton ON K0K 2T0
Phone (613) 476-2345
or (613) 962-3497**

A PERMITTED FIRE IS:

A burn barrel
A residential campfire
An outdoor fireplace
A brush fire

NO PERSON SHALL START, SET OR MAINTAIN A FIRE ON ANY PROPERTY UNLESS:

A current permit has been issued
That person complies with ALL applicable conditions in accordance with By-law 2105-2008
That person first notified the Fire Dispatching Office prior to starting, setting and maintaining the fire
That person has provided the Fire Dispatching Office with information as may be requested

The Fire Dispatching Office will ask for the following information:

- Permit holders last name
- Civic address where the fire will be set
- Permit holders phone number
- Permit number issued

PROHIBITED CONDITIONS

No person shall burn or permit to be burned:

- Garbage
- Materials made of or containing rubber
- Plastic
- Tar or Petroleum products
- Paint

Vehicles or materials from vehicles

- Pressure treated, painted lumber or railway ties

As per By-law 2105-2008

Cost of Action Regarding Fire

22. (a) Any and all costs and expenses of any action by the County of Prince Edward with respect to controlling or extinguishing a fire that is caused by, or results from, the conduct of a person acting contrary to this By-law; or is caused by or results from a person disobeying or refusing or neglecting to carry out any of the provisions of this By-law, are payable by that person to the County of Prince Edward.

ALL Permitted Fires must be 5m (16ft) from the property line

Burn Barrels and Residential Campfires must be **8m (26ft)** from any building/structures, forest or woodland.

Outdoor Fireplaces cannot be located on balconies or any combustible surfaces. They must be located at least **3m (9ft)** from any building/structures, forest or woodland.

Brush Fires must be no less than **25m (82ft)** from the nearest building/structures, overhead wires, forest or woodland.

A copy of the Open Air Burning By-law 2105-2008 and the amendment By-law 2543-2009 can be accessed on the County website www.pecounty.on.ca in the government pages, Corporate Services and Finance, Fire Department.

Instead of burning, people are encouraged to consider safer more environmentally friendly options such as chipping, composting, recycling and creating brush piles for wildlife habitat.

PLEASE READ YOUR BURNING PERMIT CAREFULLY!

If you should decide to burn, there are certain precautions you should take:

- DO NOT begin burning until you FULLY understand the local burning regulations, techniques and conditions.
- Create a **3m (9ft)** clearing around any burning container or piled material and keep burning containers and brush piles away from overhanging branches.
- Keep brush piles small. If not completely extinguished, large piles can retain heat buried in the ash for days or weeks and flare up on a windy day, potentially resulting in an out of control fire.
- If you use a barrel, ensure it is in good condition and the top is covered with a wire screen with ¼" or less openings.
- ALWAYS keep a hose and shovel on hand and ensure you have sufficient help on hand to assist with the burning.
- Wait to burn until late spring the grass has greened up and late in the day when the wind has died down.

- DO NOT burn on dry, windy days when the wind speed is more than 20kph

For more information
Call 613-476-2345 or
613-962-3497



Remember!

Purchasing a Burning Permit does not excuse any actions that are contrary to By-law 2105-2008 and may result in a fine being levied if all provisions are not carried out.

The owner of the property is ultimately responsible for any and all costs.