



Township of McKellar

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CONDITIONS FOR OPEN-AIR BURNING

The following conditions are acceptable for Open Air Burning under Section 2.6.3.4 of the Ontario Fire Code, and **Township of McKellar Bylaw 2019-24**. Failure to comply with the following may lead to charges being laid under the Ontario Fire Code and/or Municipal Bylaw.

THESE CONDITIONS ARE IN EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 31

 **The burning of household garbage IS NOT permitted in McKellar Township.**

Burning of piled wood, brush, or discarded wood by-products is allowed if:

- The fire is tended by a responsible person (min 16 yrs of age) until extinguished
- The fire is less than 2 m (6'6") in diameter and less than 2 m (6'6") high
- The fire is **NOT** ignited before 6 pm and is extinguished **BEFORE** 10 am
- The fire is at least 2 m (6'6") away from any other flammable materials for burning open-air fire shall be a minimum of ten (10) metres from a building, fence, hedge, or other combustible material, highway, overhead wire or a **property** line or as otherwise restricted by By-law 2019-24
- An **open-air fire** shall not occur without appropriate extinguishing agents such as portable fire extinguishers, pressurized garden hose, shovel, rake, portable pump and hose, bobcat (or similar) being on-hand at all times until the **open-air fire** is **extinguished**

Burning of grass and leaves is allowed if:

- The fire is tended by a responsible person (min 16 yrs of age) until extinguished
- The area to be burned is less than 2.5 acres (1ha)
- The length of the flaming edge is less than 100' (30 m)
- The fire is **NOT** ignited before 6 pm and is extinguished **BEFORE** 10 am
- An **open-air fire** shall not occur without appropriate extinguishing agents such as portable fire extinguishers, pressurized garden hose, shovel, rake, portable pump and hose, bobcat (or similar) being on-hand at all times until the **open-air fire** is **extinguished**

Burning in incinerators is allowed provided they are:

- Enclosed devices
- At least 5 m (16.5') from any forest
- At least 2 m (6'6") from other flammable materials for burning
- The size of the non-combustible container shall not exceed a size, more than 2 m in diameter, by 1 meter in height
- be a minimum of 8 m (26') from a building, fence, hedge, other combustible material, **flammable material**, highway, overhead wire or a **property** line, covered by mesh less than 5mm (1/4") in size
- The fire is tended by a responsible person (min 16 yrs of age) until extinguished

An open-air fire is not permitted when the wind velocity may cause the following unsafe conditions:

- A decrease in visibility on any highway, road or navigational channel
- The rapid spread of fire through grass, brush, forested area or other property that was not intended to be burned
- Shall not create excessive smoke
- Is not permitted during a fire ban
- Shall not create a nuisance or have an adverse effect on a neighbouring property owner

OPEN-AIR BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED IN YELLOW OR RED FIRE RATING CONDITIONS

LOW AND MODERATE FIRE RATINGS:	Fire Danger Rating is SERIOUS	Fire Danger is EXTREMELY HIGH
<p>No person shall start an open-air fire during the Season (April 1st to October 31st) other than between the hours of 6:00 pm one day and 10:00 am the following day.</p> <p>A campfire/recreation fire at a Campsite or Camping Establishment may be conducted between the hours of 4:00 pm one day and 10:00 am the following day.</p>	<p>An open-air fire is not permitted except a Campfire/Recreation Fire</p>	<p>NO OPEN BURNING OF ANY KIND!</p> <p>A TOTAL FIRE BAN DECLARED</p>