

MCKELLAR TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
MCKELLAR, ONTARIO P.O BOX 69 P0G 1C0



CONDITIONS FOR CAMPFIRES AND 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 2024-38. Failure to comply the following may lead to charges being laid under the Ontario Fire Code and/or Municipal Bylaw.

THESE CONDITIONS IN EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Campfires for the purpose of cooking or preparing food or pleasure are allowed if:

- For the purpose of cooking (any time of day) for the purpose of pleasure (6pm one day to 10 am the next)
- The fire is a minimum of 3 metre (10') from any building, fence, hedge, other combustible/flammable material, highway, overhead wire or property line.
- Shall NOT exceed 1 metre (3') in diameter and 1 metre (3') in height.
- The fire is only during Low, Moderate or High Fire Danger ratings, and is NOT PERMITTED DURING EXTREME (FIRE BAN) OR RFZ
- The fire is tended by a responsible person (min 16 yrs of age) until extinguished
- The 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) buckets of water) being on-hand at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- Only 1 fire per property.

Open Air Burning conditions (allowed during Low or Moderate Fire Danger Ratings only):

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
- Shall NOT exceed 2 m (6'6") in diameter and less than 2 m (6'6") in height.
- The fire is NOT ignited before 6 pm and is extinguished BEFORE 10 am
- The fire is at least 5m (16') away from any other flammable materials for burning
- An open air fire shall be a minimum of five (5) metres from a building, fence, hedge, other combustible material, highway, overhead wire or a property line or as otherwise restricted by bylaw 2024-38.
- 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
- Reference section 3 and 4 of the bylaw 2024-38 to prescribe times/precautions and restriction for burning.

Burning in incinerators is allowed provided they are:

- Enclosed devices
- At least 8 metres (26') from any forest
- The size of the non-combustible container shall not exceed a size, more than 2 metres in diameter, by 1 meter in height
- be a minimum of 8 metres (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

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

FIREWORKS REGULATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN FIREWORKS BYLAW 2019-22 available at mckellar.ca

LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
LOW and MODERATE FIRE RATINGS: No person shall start an open air fire during the Fire Season (April 1 st to October 31 st) other than between the hours of 6:00 p.m. one day and 10:00 a.m. the following day. A Campfire for preparing food is permitted any time of day. A campfire for recreation purposes is permitted between 6:00pm one day and 10:00am the next day.		Fire Danger is SERIOUS An open air fire is not permitted except a Campfire/Recreation Fire NO FIREWORKS	Fire Danger is EXTREMELY HIGH NO OPEN BURNING of any kind! TOTAL FIRE BAN DECLARED NO FIREWORKS

By the order of the Township of Mckellar Fire Chief