



WELLAND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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OPEN AIR BURNING ON LANDS BEING ACTIVELY FARMED – PERMISSIBLE BURNS

Be advised that open air burning is a contravention of the **Ontario Fire Code**.

Part of Article 2.6.3.4. of the Ontario Fire Code reads as follows: “Open air burning shall not be permitted unless approved.”

Any persons seeking permission and approval to burn **branches and prunings** of large quantities with the City of Welland shall firstly meet with the following conditions:

1. The Welland Fire Department shall be requested to inspect and approve the location prior to any burning.
2. The Welland Fire Department shall be notified at least 24 hours in advance of the intention to set the fire.
3. The fire shall be kept at least 61 metres (200 feet), away from any building.
4. The piles of branches and prunage to be burned shall not be more than 3 metres (10 feet) in diameter nor more than 3 metres (10 feet) in height.
5. NO PERSON SHALL BURN ANY BUILDING OR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.
6. No fire shall be allowed to burn at any time between the hours of 6 o'clock in the afternoon of any day and 8 o'clock in the forenoon of the next following day.
7. The fire shall be fully extinguished when the site is vacated and/or before dark.
8. NO FIRE SHALL BE SET:
 - at a location where there is danger of such fire spreading to grass or other vegetation,
 - during strong winds (smoke from the fire shall not be allowed to blow towards neighbours),
 - on any road allowance or other municipal property,
 - on or adjacent to any property where it is known that explosives or any flammable materials are stored,
 - on or adjacent to any property where a building or structure is under construction,
 - on any property where such fire may constitute a hazard to persons on adjacent property.
9. a) Such fire is attended by a person(s) competent to supervise it and,
b) competent to extinguish it promptly in the event of the spread of such fire.
10. Also, please notify St. Catharines Fire Dispatch (905) 684-4311, in advance and after such fire is extinguished.
11. Notification of area neighbours.

If you have any questions, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 905-735-9922, Ext. 229.

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