



WELLAND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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OPEN AIR BURNING

Ontario Fire Code – 2.6.3.4.

Open air burning shall not be permitted unless approved, or unless such burning consists of a small, confined fire, supervised at all times, and used to cook food on a grill or a barbecue.

The Welland Fire Department in conformance with the Ontario Fire Code does not permit open burning unless used in the manner explained in the regulation.

The following description, strictly adhered to, would be an acceptable cooking pit:

- Fuel area not to exceed 4 square feet (2 feet by 2 feet)
- Continuous non combustible containment wall, maximum 1 foot high, surrounding fuel area, with metal grill placed on top
- 10 feet of clearance to the nearest combustible

Precautions to be taken during use of cooking pit:

- Supervised at all times by mature responsible adult
- Portable fire extinguisher (5 lb. ABC) located within 20 feet or garden hose
- Total extinguishment after use

A cooking pit as described here and used to cook food on would meet the requirements of the Ontario Fire Code. Should a complaint of open air burning be received by this Department, it should be clearly understood that we will respond in order to size up and determine if open air burning or excessive smoke exists, in which case extinguishment will be mandatory.

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

FOR EMERGENCY OR ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL 911