

## Enforcement



## Haldimand County Fire Department

### General Inquiries

Phone: 905-318-5932 Ext.6230

aschmidt@haldimandcounty.on.ca

**In Case of Emergency call 911**

[www.haldimandcounty.on.ca](http://www.haldimandcounty.on.ca)

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All persons shall immediately extinguish open air fires upon notification by the Fire Official.

The person who owns or occupies the land could be responsible for costs incurred to extinguish the fire and/or applicable fines if they fail to comply with the Fire Official's request.

If a fine is imposed the permit will be revoked .



**Jason Gallagher**  
Fire Chief

**Rodger Hill**  
Deputy Fire Chief

**Alan Gee**  
Fire Prevention Officer

**Richard Geerdink**  
Fire Prevention Officer

## Open Air Fires

Information for

Recreational &

Non- Recreational



**Haldimand County**  
**Emergency Services**

## Open Air Fire:

The burning of any material, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, wood, brush or garden waste where the flame is not wholly contained and is, thereby, open to the air.

On June 29, 2009 Haldimand County Council passed a by-law to regulate open air fires. This by-law regulates burning within the boundaries of Haldimand County where the flame is not contained and is open to the air. Anyone who wishes to burn in such a manner must familiarize themselves with the new by-law available at the County Office and on the County Website.

[www.haldimandcounty.ca](http://www.haldimandcounty.ca)

## Recreational Open Air Fires:

All recreational open air fires must follow the regulations as outlined in the by-law.

## Non-Recreational Open Air Fires:

No person shall conduct a non-recreational open air fire within the boundaries of Haldimand County without receipt of a permit available online at [www.haldimandcounty.ca](http://www.haldimandcounty.ca)

Further information may be obtained from 905-318-5932, if required.

## Recreational Open Air Fire:

Means a small, contained recreational fire associated with the use of open air fire devices or fire burn areas specifically designed for recreational open air fires.

### Requirements:

- Confined to an area that is a minimum of 10m from any permanent combustible structure or object, e.g., buildings, wood deck, wood fence
- Conducted in an area that provides a minimum distance of 4m in all directions from adjacent properties
- That the open air fire device does not exceed the fire burn area of 1m x 1m x 1m
- That an effective extinguishing agent is readily available
- The fire must be attended, controlled and supervised at all times
- The fire must be completely extinguished before the site is vacated
- Favourable weather conditions must be present: no fog, no air quality alerts, no burn bans, winds less than 20 km/hr
- Smoke must not have a negative impact on the visibility of motorists or neighbours

## Non-Recreational Open Air Fire:

Means any open air fire that is not conducted for recreational purposes and includes but is not limited to fires that take place on agricultural property.

### Requirements:

- Open Air Burn Permit – fee of \$25.50 per calendar year, effective Jan. 1 2021
- Permit readily available
- Burn between sunrise and sunset
- Confined to an area which is at least 60m from any buildings, highway, road or wooded area
- The burn area must not exceed 6m x 6m
- Smoke must not have a negative impact on the visibility of motorists or neighbours
- Favourable weather conditions must be present: no fog, no air quality alerts, no burn bans, winds less than 20 km/hr
- The fire must be attended, controlled and supervised at all times
- The fire must be completely extinguished before the site is vacated

