



## Town of Erin Fire & Emergency Services

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **OPEN AIR BURNING IN THE TOWN OF ERIN**

Town of Erin - The Town of Erin has a process for approving open-air burning. Below is a sample of some of the restrictions as set out in the Town of Erin By-Law #06-14;

- The fire must be located no closer than 15 metres, (50 feet), from any building, structure, hedge, fence, road or overhead wire or obstruction of any kind,
- A fire shall not be burned during periods of dry conditions or drought or when prohibition has been declared pursuant to Section 9 of the By-Law,
- The dimension of the fire shall not exceed .3 cubic metres for urban properties,
- Fires shall not be set or burned between the hours of 9:00pm and 6:00am,
- A fire shall not be burned when the wind velocity exceeds 16 k.p.h. (10 m.p.h.)
- The burning of leaves, garden waste, household garbage, tires, cardboard, paint, roofing materials is strictly prohibited,
- Any fire set under the By-Law shall at no time negatively impact neighbouring properties due to smoke or debris from the fire.

If you are able to meet the restrictions as set out in By-Law #06-14, to obtain a burn permit, please visit the Town of Erin office which is located at 5684 Trafalgar Rd., RR #2, Hillsburgh ON, and Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. The burn permit is valid for a period of up to one calendar year at the cost of \$20.

Please be advised that you are responsible for compliance with the conditions of the permit, failure to do so may result in a fine as provided in the Provincial Offences Act or you may be prosecuted in accordance with the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997.

Fire Chief Dan Callaghan states "A copy of the By-law is issued to everyone applying for a Burn Permit and it is very important that the By-Law be read and complied with to prevent issues arising which could affect your families and property and prevent charges being laid".

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