

Township of Athens Fire Department



FIRE EMERGENCY 9-1-1

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'Restricted' Uncontained Open Air Burn Permit – BRUSH (only) – NO GRASS NO LEAVES

Uncontained Open Air Burning is NOT permitted in Villages or built up areas

Approval is hereby granted to:

Name: _____ OF: _____
Owner/Occupant Civic Address of Property

To conduct Open air Burning it is recommended that ONLY DURING RAINFALL OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO ENSURE MINIMUM RISK OF FIRE SPREAD, and in accordance with Fire Department Criteria & Guidelines on UNCONTAINED open air fires published below at the above property address.

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

I have read and will abide by the criteria and guidelines for 'RESTRICTED' UNCONTAINED OPEN AIR BURNING and I understand that any DEVIATION from these Criteria renders this permit invalid

Signature of Issuing Officer/Designate

Date of Issue

Signature of Owner/Occupant

(permit valid for 30 days only from this date)

- Out of Courtesy please notify your neighbours prior to OPEN AIR BURNING
- It is **your responsibility** to check for BURNING BAN DURING DRY WEATHER or HIGH WINDS -613-924-2044, local newspaper, local radio station, Municipal website – www.athenstownship.ca, Fire Hall Sign, Township entry road signs.
- LOSS OF CONTROL OR SPREAD OF FIRE WILL RESULT IN FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CHARGES BEING LEVIED, as per the Municipal Fees by-law to a minimum of \$350.00, Failure to comply with any provisions stated herein may also result in you having your permit revoked; or being charged under the Ontario Fire Code; or all of the above.

Criteria & Guidelines

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.

1. Permission for all other Open Air Burning in the form of a PERMIT is required. Uncontained Open Air Burning is NOT permitted in villages or built up areas unless otherwise approved by the Chief Fire Official.
2. The person requesting permission for Open Air Burning assumes full responsibility for conducting Open Air Burning in accordance with the following safety measures and common sense:
 - a) It is recommended that ONLY DURING RAINFALL OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO ENSURE MINIMUM RISK OF FIRE SPREAD.
 - b) No person shall set or maintain an open fire between sunset and sunrise.
 - c) All OPEN AIR BURNING must be attended at all times by a sufficient number of competent persons and must have on hand sufficient equipment to keep the fire under control.
 - d) No open fire is to be located within **150 metres (492 ft)** of any structure or property line unless the material to be burned is one cubic metre or less in volume then the fire may be located **15 metres (50 ft)** from combustibles and **30 metres (100 ft)** from a property line unless **APPROVED** by Chief Fire Official.
 - e) No open fire is to be maintained when the wind is in such a direction as to cause a decrease in visibility on any traveled road or any odour to such extent or degree as to cause adverse effect on persons living in the affected area.
 - f) No open fire is to be started on days of adverse weather or other conditions that prevents the ready dispersion of smoke.
 - g) Materials to be burned must not include petroleum products, plastics, rubber or other materials that create excessive smoke or environmental damage. **Never burn plastics, rubber materials, synthetic materials, or household refuse!!!!**

ON A WINDY DAY

**NEVER START AN OPEN AIR FIRE
BEFORE DAWN**

AFTER DUSK

It must be recognized that Open Air Burning can cause air pollution. Smoke and odours from open fires can aggravate respiratory conditions, soil property, reduce visibility and generally lessen the enjoyment of property. Section 14 of the Environmental Protection Act reads, in part, "Despite any provisions of this Act or the Regulations, no person shall discharge a contaminant or cause or permit the discharge of a contaminant into the natural environment that causes or is likely to cause an *adverse* effect".

Where adverse effect by definition means one or more of:

- Impairment of the quality of the natural environment for any use that it can be made of,
- Injury or damage to property or to plant or animal life, Harm or material discomfort to any person,
- Adverse effect on any person, Impairment of the safety of any person,
- Rendering any property or plant or animal life unfit for use by man,
- Loss of enjoyment or normal use of property, and Interference with the normal conduct of business.