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for **YOU**

Mail completed application with a \$25 cheque payable to the City of Hamilton – Fire Prevention to:

Fire Prevention at 55 King William St,
Hamilton, ON, L8R 1A2

APPLICATION FOR OPEN AIR BURN PERMIT

ADDRESS OF BURN SITE:

(specify municipal address and location on property where burning will occur)

NAME OF APPLICANT:

(include names of others over 18yrs of age who may conduct open air burning)

MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

(For quicker service provide your email address to receive a scanned copy of your permit. The original will be mailed)

TELEPHONE:

PERMIT REQUESTED : (CHECK ONE)

- STANDARD OPEN AIR BURNING: 2m x 2m x1m in height:
(min. 30 metres to combustibles/structures)
- RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRE: 0.6m diameter
(min. 3 metres to combustibles/structures)
- OUTDOOR FIREPLACE:
(min. 3 metres to combustibles/structures)
- EXTINGUISHER TRAINING: 60cm x 90cm x 15cm in depth
(no fee applicable) (min. 30 metres to combustibles/structures)
- STRIKE/PICKET LINE: 1 barrel at each location

NOTE: Any variance to the maximum fire size indicated on this form must be approved by the Chief Fire Official and may require an inspection on site. An additional inspection fee may apply. Contact Fire Prevention at 905-546-2424 x1380 for a large pile permit.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

By signing this application, the applicant agrees to comply with all conditions/guidelines for open air burning.



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APPROVAL GUIDELINES FOR OPEN AIR BURNING

1. Permits are required for each site and are valid for the calendar year for which it was issued, unless a specific time frame is listed. Permits must be available for viewing at the burn site upon request.
2. Permit holders are limited to one (1) fire (pit, appliance, barrel, campfire, etc.) burning at any time.
3. The fire is to be attended and supervised at all times. All fires are to be completely extinguished at the end of each working/burning day.
4. Complaints received regarding problems associated with smoke may be cause for an approval to be rescinded. Burning is not to take place when winds will cause smoke to be an annoyance to nearby properties or roadways.
5. All fires must be kept to a maximum size of 2m x 2m x 1m in height, unless otherwise approved by the Chief Fire Official. Recreational campfires must be kept to a maximum size of 0.6m in diameter and must be confined (i.e. steel tire rim, bricks, stone).
6. With the exception of recreational campfires and outdoor fireplaces, open air burning and fire extinguisher training shall not be conducted within 30m of any building or other combustible material. Recreational campfires and outdoor fireplaces must have a minimum 3m clearance to any building or combustible material.
7. Only the burning of clean wood and brush is permitted. The burning of leaves is not a form of open air burning and is not permitted. Leaves are picked up by the City in the spring and fall through the Yard Waste Program. Check your yard waste schedule for details. You can also take your leaves to any Community Recycling Centre free of charge. Visit www.hamilton.ca/waste for more details on leaves, yard waste and Community Recycling Centres.
8. Equipment capable of extinguishing the fire at any time conditions warrant is to be on site at all times burning is carried out. (i.e.: fire extinguishers, garden hose, portable pump and hose, bobcat etc.)
9. Remove all vegetation from around the burn area to a distance that is equal to twice the approved height of the burn pile. (i.e.: On a standard burn pile of 2m x 2m x 1m in height, this will require all vegetation to be cleared for 2 metres around the burn pile)
10. Open air burning shall not be carried out on Smog Alert/Advisory days. Smog Alert/Advisory days are declared when the Air Quality Index is expected to reach 50, a level that can impact the health of citizens. Citizens should call the City of Hamilton at (905) 546-CITY for information pertaining to days designated as Smog Alert/Advisory days. Information can also be obtained by calling the Ontario Ministry of the Environment Air Quality Index Reporting System at 1-800-387-7768



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11. The use of outdoor fireplaces is deemed to be open air burning and requires the issuance of a permit. This permit is only available for rural designated locations. The attached sheet lists guidelines for the use of outdoor fireplaces.
12. Open air burning during a strike shall comply with items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10 and also be subjected to the following additional requirements:
 - only one drum shall be used at each location/s
 - fires to be confined to the drums
 - storage of wood is to be kept a minimum of 1m away from barrel
 - the drums shall be kept away from any buildings, vehicles and any combustible material adjacent to the property
 - the approval is only for the duration of the strike.
13. Open air burning for live fire extinguisher training requires a permit however will not be subjected to a permit fee. Extinguisher training must comply with items 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. The pan is to be limited to a maximum size of 60cm x 90cm x 15cm in depth. (24" x 36" x 6" in depth). All relevant safety requirements as identified in the fuel source's MSDS sheet, are to be adhered to.
14. All persons setting an open fire shall be liable for costs incurred by the Hamilton Fire Department for an emergency response to any address in violation of the guidelines or investigations of burning complaints of illegal burning. These costs include \$526.90 per hour for each responding vehicle for the 1st hour and \$263.45 per ½ hour for each responding vehicle thereafter.

Note: Costs as noted are subject to change as per Council approval



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