



Township of Ramara Open Air Burning Policy

ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS

The ability to burn in the Township of Ramara is by approval of the Chief Fire Official as per O.Reg. 213/07 (2007 Ontario Fire Code), Article 2.6.3.4. In order to be granted permission to burn in the Township of Ramara, the Chief Fire Official requires that the following requirements be maintained during all burning, as per Bylaw #2012.13;

- *There is no declared fire ban in effect;*
- *The air quality advisory is less than 70 as determined by Environment Canada;*
- *The volume of material being burned is no larger in size than 1 metre cubed;*
- *The fire is surrounded by non-combustible material to prevent spread;*
- *The fire is a minimum of 5 metres from a dwelling, building, structure, and property line;*
- *The fire is supervised at all times;*
- *The direction of smoke does not hinder traffic or the quality of life of neighbouring people;*
- *Wind speed will have no adverse effect on control of the fire;*
- *The materials being burned are organic in nature such as dry wood, leaves, grass and paper; and*
- *The owner of the property has granted permission to individual to open air burn.*

BONA FIDE FARMERS

Approval to open air burn is granted to a bona fide farmer by the Chief Fire Official when the individual leaves the name, address, date and time of the start and completion of the open air burn with Fire and Rescue Services and subject to the following criteria:

- *There is no declared fire ban in effect;*
- *The air quality advisory is less than 70 as determined by Environment Canada;*
- *The volume of material being burned is contained in no more than three piles of a maximum size of 5 metres by 5 metres by 2 metres high each;*

- *The fire surrounded by non-combustible material to prevent spread;*
- *The fire is a minimum of 7 metres from a dwelling, building, structure, and property line;*
- *The fire is supervised at all times;*
- *The direction of the smoke does not hinder traffic or the quality of life of neighbouring people;*
- *Wind speed will have no adverse effect on control of the fire;*
- *The materials being burned are organic in nature such as dry wood, leaves, grass and paper, and;*
- *The owner of the property has granted permission to the bona fide farmer to open air burn.*

Special Provisions For Bona Fide Farmers

If an individual and / or bona fide farmer desires to open air burn material that does not comply with the criteria above, permission to do so may be granted by the Chief Fire Official upon inspection of the site for the open air burn and agreement is reached with the owner of the property of the protective measures required.

All Whom Open Air Burn In Ramara

Where the Fire and Rescue Services of the Township attend a property where the open air burn does not comply, in the opinion of the attending fire personnel, to the requirements listed above, the fire may be extinguished in the following manner:

- a) by the owner when ordered to do so by the attending fire personnel; or
- b) by Fire and Rescue Services with the property owner being invoiced for the work in accordance with the Township's Fees and Charges Bylaw.

The property owner is responsible for damage to property or interference to a person's health caused by the burning or its effects.