



Township of Frontenac Islands Howe Island Fire & Rescue

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Provincial legislation states that there shall be **NO OPEN-AIR BURNING** unless authorized! Campfires are often a form of entertainment and do not require a permit provided the person who is responsible, ultimately the owner, follows the definition and criteria below as stated.

"A campfire is a fire that provides light and warmth, and heat for cooking. It can also serve as a beacon, and an insect and predator deterrent".

- **Camping Fire** means an open-air fire not exceeding 0.6 m (2 ft.) by 0.6 m (2 ft.) by 0.6 m (2 ft.) high that is set and maintained solely for the purposes of cooking food, providing warmth or recreational enjoyment. Things like rock, tire rims, etc. are all acceptable borders.
- The fire must be always supervised and must be extinguished before the person supervising leaves the area.
- Only **clean wood product can be burned**, and such product must not be treated or painted for environmental reasons. There shall be **No Burning of Construction Material of any kind.**
- The fire can not cause "material discomfort" to those around. Should there be a complaint the fire may be extinguished, and the owner could be assessed the fees for the fire department response as set out in the Municipal By-Law.
- Weather conditions must be considered before any **Campfires or Open-Air Burning is attempted.** Pay attention to Municipal directives should there be "burning bans" in place.
- Always have a means to extinguish the fire should conditions change.
- Fires that exceed the above **Campfire criteria** must be inspected first and must be approved by obtaining a Municipal Burning Permit provided the request is acceptable to the Chief Fire Official.

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The above conditions for a campfire have been explained and are fully understood.