



Q's and A's about Open-Air Burning, Fireworks, and Fire Bans

ALL OPEN-AIR BURNING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY REQUIRES A FIRE PERMIT.

Q- IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION, WHERE DOES A RESIDENT PURCHASE A FIRE PERMIT?

Fire permits can be purchased through the Township of Tiny Office, at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Perkinsfield (9:00 am to 4:30 pm) Monday to Friday.

They can also be purchased for **\$20.00 cash only** at the 8 (eight) following locations:

- 1) Lafontaine SuperMarket, 345 rue Lafontaine Road West, Lafontaine
- 2) Wyevale Jug City, 870 County Road 6 South, Wyevale
- 3) Mailloux Jug City, 594 Champlain Road, North West Basin
- 4) LA Hill Esso Station, 2 Lafontaine Road East, Lafontaine
- 5) R&P Gas, 2236 County Road 92, Elmvale
- 6) Country Corner Variety, 1 County Road 6 South, Perkinsfield
- 7) Cawaja Pines General Store, 201 Tiny Beaches Road North, Perkinsfield (SEASONAL)
- 8) Sawlog Bay General Store, 1970 Champlain Road, North West Basin

Q- WHAT IS OPEN-AIR BURNING?

We define "open-air burning" as the intentional igniting or burning of any combustible materials in the open air but does not include any fire wherein the flame is entirely contained within an appliance that is designed, constructed, and approved for the purpose of cooking for consumption in a natural gas or propane-fueled barbecue. Listed and approved gas-fire outdoor campfire devices are also not considered open-air burning.

Q- DOES THE PERMIT ALLOW ME TO BURN LEAVES?

No, the burning of leaves is strictly prohibited.

Q- HOW IS THE NEED FOR A FIRE BAN DETERMINED?

We often receive inquiries about how we determine whether or not to implement a fire ban. Implementing a fire ban is not simply a matter of what we think or feel. We base our decision on several factors.

First of all, Tiny is not so tiny. The landscape of our communities vary to include coniferous, deciduous and mixed forests, open fields, rural areas, built-up hamlets and cottages in an area

approximately 410 square kilometers in size. As a comparison, the City of Toronto (proper) is approximately 630 square kilometers.

Some areas of the municipality may receive a substantial amount of precipitation while other areas may not receive any at all. Having said that, when we implement a fire ban, it applies to the entire municipality.

The decision process – We monitor weather conditions on a daily basis which includes long range forecasting, the amount of precipitation we've received and what is forecasted for the upcoming few days, wind conditions to relative humidity and moisture levels in the ground. Information is gathered from Environment Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests to help us make informed decisions. However local conditions have a big influence on the final outcome. We also consult with the municipalities we border and typically when a fire ban is announced, there will usually be other municipalities doing the same.

Q- ARE PROVINCIAL PARKS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH A TOWNSHIP FIRE BAN?

No, more often than not Provincial Parks will permit fires in their campgrounds even though the municipality has a fire ban in place. The parks have their own regulations dealing with open fires and park staff patrol and enforce their regulations based on the conditions within their area of jurisdiction. As a provincial body, The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests is not governed by the Township's Open-Air Burning by-law.

Q- CAN I SET OFF FIREWORKS DURING A FIRE BAN?

No, as per the provisions of By-law 07-054, as amended, no person shall set off any fireworks when a fire ban is in effect. As a reminder, fireworks **are only permitted on specific days** throughout the year. The setting off of fireworks is only permitted on Victoria Day, Canada Day and the five days immediately preceding and/or following each of these days, or on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, unless prior approval has been granted by the Fire Chief or Designate.

Q- ARE FLYING LANTERNS PERMITTED DURING A FIRE BAN?

No, the ignition and release of flying lanterns is **not permitted at any time** within the Township of Tiny (By-law 15-027).

Q- I HAVE A GAS FIRE PIT. ARE THESE PERMITTED DURING A FIRE BAN?

Yes, if you have a propane or natural gas appliance which is CSA or ULC listed (fire pit/ring, bbq, heater) and designed for outdoor use, then it is permitted, providing that the manufacturer's recommendations are fully complied with.

Q- CAN I HAVE AN OPEN-AIR FIRE TO COOK ON DURING A FIRE BAN?

No, the only option available for cooking during a fire ban is a propane or natural gas-fired barbecue that is approved for that purpose (CGA, CSA, or ULC)

Q- IS A CHARCOAL BBQ CONSIDERED OPEN-AIR BURNING?

Yes. Solid fuel (charcoal or wood) BBQs are not permitted because they produce embers. These embers, combined with the dry and windy conditions can be exceptionally dangerous. Please note that the use of BBQs is not permitted on Township property.

Q- ARE THERE PENALTIES FOR OPEN-AIR BURNING DURING A FIRE BAN?

Any violation of the conditions of the Open-Air Burning Permit, will result in any or all of the following action(s) being taken.

- Extinguishment of the fire.
- Revoking of the Open-Air Burning Permit.
- A cost recovery of service as per the Fee for Service By-law.
- Laying of charges under the Provincial Offences Act.

In the event the Township of Tiny Fire and Emergency Services Department responds to extinguish a fire being conducted without a permit, during a fire ban, or in violation of the conditions of the Open-Air Burning Permit, the full costs of extinguishment, including labour costs and equipment costs, up to \$500.00 per hour for each responding vehicle or as determined by the Chief Fire Official may be charged to the property owner and/or the permit holder.

Fines

<u>Description of Offence</u>	<u>Set Fine</u>	<u>Total Payable</u>
Failing to obtain a burning permit	\$300.00	\$365.00
Failing to Comply with Terms and Conditions of Class "A" burning permit (for recreational fires)	\$150.00	\$180.00
Failing to Comply with Terms and Conditions of Class "B" burning permit (for large fires)	\$150.00	\$180.00
Failing to Comply with Terms and Conditions of Class "C" burning permit (for campground fires)	\$150.00	\$180.00
Ignite or release an ignited flying lantern	\$150.00	\$180.00
Set off fireworks during fire ban	\$200.00	\$240.00

Q- HOW DO WE DETERMINE WHEN TO LIFT A FIRE BAN?

This is similar to the process used to implement a fire ban but this decision is really influenced by the amount of precipitation we've received throughout the township and what the forecasted conditions are in the near future. Sometimes one rainfall is not enough to reduce the fire risk adequately.

Residents are always reminded to **CALL BEFORE YOU BURN**
to be certain that no fire ban is in place
705-526-4204 ext 226 or 705-322-1161

Fire ban information is available via the following methods:

- Fire Hazard Rating Signs posted at the following locations;
 - North of the Tiny/Flos Townline on County Road 6,
 - North of the Tiny/Flos Townline on Crossland Road (County Road 29),
 - Woodland Beach Fire Hall (2020 Tiny Beaches Road South),
 - Wyebriidge Fire Hall (8186 Hwy 93)
 - Toanche Fire Hall (Champlain Road and Toanche Trail),
 - Lafontaine Fire Hall (384 Lafontaine Road West),
 - Wyevale Fire Hall (817 County Road 6 South),
 - Municipal Pump House located at 2107 Champlain Road,
 - and outside the Township Municipal Offices at 130 Balm Beach Road West

- By visiting the Township website at www.tiny.ca;

- By reading the LED signs at the following locations:
 - Wyevale Park – 10 Concession 5 East
 - Perkinsfield Park – 43 County Road 6 South
 - Township office – 130 Balm Beach Road West
 - Lafontaine Park – 342 Lafontaine Road West