

## Open Air Fire Permit General Requirements

Managed by: Portage Emergency Services (Fire Department)  
Address: 124 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE  
Phone: 204-239-8340

The City of Portage Open Air Fire By-law allows fires under certain circumstances. Section 1 through 6 of the General Requirements specifies the material which may be burned and the guidelines for burning. The regulations regarding Open Air Fires (Specific Burn) are clearly stated.

Open Air Fire Permit Applications can be downloaded from our website and dropped off at Portage Emergency Services.

### **General Requirements:**

1. Material which may be burned shall consist only of charcoal or cut, seasoned wood. The burning of the following material is prohibited:
  - rubbish;
  - garden refuse, lawn clippings or leaves
  - manure;
  - livestock or animal carcasses;
  - any material classified as a dangerous good and any material which, when burned, will generate black smoke or an offensive odour including insulation from electrical wiring or equipment asphalt roofing materials, hydrocarbons, plastics, rubber materials, creosote wood or any similar material.
2. Fires shall be reasonably supervised so as to prevent their spread.
3. Fires shall not be set in windy conditions conducive to creating a running fire or a nuisance to another person.
4. If smoke from a fire causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property, the fire shall be extinguished immediately.

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5. The person to whom the permit is issued is responsible for any or all damages as a result of burning.
  6. Any fire permitted by this by- law shall be contained to a reasonable size so that the fire, or any embers, sparks or smoke emanating therefrom do not endanger any person or property or cause any objectionable effect on nearby property.

### **Open Air Fires (Specific Burn)**

1. It shall be an offence for any person to light, ignite or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air without first having obtained the applicable permit to do so from the Fire Chief or designate.
2. A person to whom a permit has been so issued hereunder shall not leave the permitted fire unattended at any time while it is burning or smouldering and shall ensure that sufficient appliances and equipment to prevent the fire from getting beyond control or causing damage or becoming dangerous are at the fire site.
3. Notwithstanding subsection (a), no permit shall be required to light, ignite, or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited, or started a small contained fire in a barbecue, grill, or similar device used to cook food.

<b>City of Portage la Prairie Emergency Services OPEN AIR FIRE PERMIT APPLICATION</b>	
Applicant's name and address:	Owner's name and address (if different than applicant):
	Owner's consent ( <b>required</b> if different than applicant):
Location of Proposed Burn: ? same as above, or _____	
Purpose of the Burn (include description of material to be burned):	Date(s) requested:
Permission may be granted provided the following conditions are strictly adhered to. Any other conditions will be listed on a separate page.	What precautions will be taken to ensure that the proposed fire remains under the control of the applicant? _____ _____ _____ _____
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Portage la Prairie Emergency Services Department is contacted at 239-8340 <b>PRIOR</b> to starting the burn, and then again <b>AFTER</b> the burn is completed.</li> <li>2. That the fire is supervised at all times (day or night)</li> <li>3. That the direction of the smoke will not be a nuisance to the neighbours or hamper vehicle travel.</li> <li>4. That the permit holder is fully responsible for any damage or injuries resulting from this fire.</li> </ol>	
This permit is valid only for the dates listed above. Any other burning voids this permit. Failure to comply with the above requirements renders the applicant liable under the National Fire Code of Canada and/or the penalty clause of the City of Portage la Prairie by-laws pertaining thereto.	
Applicant's signature:	Date:
Approved by City of Portage la Prairie Emergency Services:	Date
Original to File                      Copy to Applicant	

