



NOTICE

BURNING PERMITS

ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

A by-law to provide for regulations and control for the setting of fires, the prevention of fires, and the removal of fire hazards has been established for all areas of Southwold Township.

Re: Open Burning Permits

In accordance with Section 7.1 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c.4 as amended, Council has, by resolution, passed by by-law for approving open burning.

What Does This Mean?

This permit process means that any open burning that is not in a restricted built up area in the Township must be done with the permission of the Fire Chief and only by written permit signed by the property owner.

Is There Any Fee or Charge for the Permit?

No. However, failure to obtain this free permit is in contravention of the Ontario Fire Code and Municipal By-law No. 2016-36. A fine shall be levied of a minimum fee for service of \$500.00 or \$375.00 per vehicle per hour and /or charges laid under the Ontario Fire Code of not more than \$10,000.00.

When Must I Apply?

“Open Burning Permits” shall be applied for a minimum of 24 hrs. in advance. Once issued, the “Open Burning Permit” **may** be valid for up to (3) three weeks.

Where Do I Apply?

“Open Burning Permits” are available at the Municipal Office, 35663 Fingal Line, during regular business hours which are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Are There Any Exceptions?

“Burn Permits” **shall not** be issued for the built up areas of Fingal, Shedden , Iona, Iona Station, Talbotville and Ferndale.

Campfires?

Burning for the purpose of cooking or providing heat is permitted in all areas of Southwold; however, this must be done away from all buildings and in a small contained area no larger than one metre. This fire must be attended at all times by a competent adult with sufficient fire suppression/extinguishing equipment and water readily available.

What Can I Burn In My Campfire?

Items to be burned should be clean and dry firewood only.

What About Grass & Leaves?

No open burning of grass or leaves shall be allowed in any built up area.

Note: Agricultural open burning does not include any fire within 15 metres of any structure or the burning of any buildings, structures or waste petroleum products such as roofing materials, urethane foam, tires, railway ties, etc. or burning in road ditches, beside, roadways/highways or on right-of-ways.

May I Have A Burn Barrel?

Yes. If you are in a non built up area and the barrel is a safe distance from all buildings and only paper products are burned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Municipal Office at 519-769-2010.

Fire Chief Gary Wilson