

Open Air Fire Permits

Every type of open air fire requires a permit:

- ✓ Brush piles
- ✓ Agricultural burns
- ✓ Backyard fireplaces
- ✓ Chiminea
- ✓ Campfires
- ✓ Windrows



Get your open air fire permit:



Fire Bans

Always call Ottawa Fire Services to check for fire bans before you burn:

613-580-2880

Open Air Fire Permit Eligibility

Does your property comply? Open air fires are permitted in certain areas based on population density and average lot size. Visit the Open Air Fire Permit page on ottawa.ca/fire to check if your address is eligible for a permit.

Types of Open Air Fire Permits

Annual

- For campfires (60 cm width x 50 cm height) and outdoor fireplaces
- For brush piles (3 m in length, width and height) to burn tree limbs

Restricted

- For campfires (60 cm width x 50 cm height) and outdoor fireplaces
- For brush piles (3 m in length, width and height) to burn tree limbs between December 1 and March 31 of the following year

Agricultural

- For campfires (60 cm width x 50 cm height) and outdoor fireplaces
- For brush piles (3 m in length, width and height) to burn tree limbs
- For windrows (50 m in length x 5 m in width and 3 m in height) to clear agricultural land

Specific Event

- For campfires (60 cm width x 50 cm height) that are part of a cultural, religious or recreational event in areas where fires are not normally allowed
- For more information, contact Specificeventfire@ottawa.ca



CAMPFIRE

- 60 cm width x 50 cm height
- Lit in day or night, any day of the week



BRUSH PILE

- 3 m in width, length and height
- Lit in daylight only, any day of the week



WINDROW

- 50 m in length, 5 m in width and 3 m in height
- Lit in day or night, only Monday to Friday

How to Burn Safely

All open air fires must be at least:

- 30 m from any building, hedge, fence, overhead wiring or a highway;
- 25 m from another open air fire; and
- 15 m from any other combustible materials.



Always be mindful of your neighbours.

Before you burn, consider the weather and don't burn on windy or dry days.

While you burn, monitor the fire at all times. Have a hose, water bucket, or shovel within reach and be ready to call 9-1-1 if the fire spreads.

After you burn, fully extinguish the fire.

What You Can Burn

Failing to follow permit instructions and guidelines are subject to fines as per the by-law.

All permit types can burn:

- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Tree limbs and branches

All permit types cannot burn:

- ✗ Grass clippings and leaves
- ✗ Garbage
- ✗ Pressure treated wood
- ✗ Combustibles that emit toxic fumes
- ✗ Flammable liquids
- ✗ Plastic and tires

More info / Social Media

- Call 3-1-1 or visit ottawa.ca/3-1-1
- OFSoOpenAirFirePermits@ottawa.ca

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