

TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD – BLENHEIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Open Air Burning Ontario Fire Code 2.6.3.4.

GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL BURNS IN BLANDFORD – BLENHEIM TOWNSHIP EFFECTIVE June 1, 2003

In an effort to save tax dollars, the Township Fire Department has adopted a series of guidelines to curb the growing problem of unnecessary fire calls.

1. If you are going to have a controlled burn, you **must** contact the Township Office (Fire Chief) at 463-5347 or 1-800-410-6882 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Have available where and when you plan to have the fire, and its approximate duration. During this time, **you will be the only one who can call for assistance from the fire department** if the fire gets out of hand. For this reason, **never leave any fire unattended**. Make sure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving.
2. Avoid starting any fires in dry situations and on windy days. Even the most carefully attended fire can quickly get out of control if conditions are right.
3. Do not start any controlled burns past 4:00 PM. Fires that burn into the evening and night are easily mistaken by others as burning out of control.
4. Do not have large fires. If there is a lot of material to burn, split it into a series of smaller fires that can be easily managed.
5. Respect your neighbors. Avoid having large quantities of smoke drifting towards neighboring dwellings as it is not only irritating, it can also be a fire hazard.
6. **NO** fires are allowed in the Villages of Bright, Drumbo, Plattsville or Princeton or in Forest Estates and Maple Lake Mobile Home Parks unless they are in a burn or barbeque pit, or used for cooking purposes. Remember that even when fires are out, these pits can still be very hot and easily lead to burns, especially of small children.
7. All controlled burns require a 48 hour notice to Chief Fire Official.

Guidelines for Burning and Barbeque Pits and their use.

- Pit and fire not to exceed **twenty four inches (24")** in diameter.
- Pit will have sides no higher than **twenty four inches (24")**.
- It is recommended that **dry wood** only be burnt.
- All toxic **materials prohibited** by the Environmental Protection Act including treated, painted or laminated wood, tires, rubber, plastic, asphalt, foam and insulation **shall not be burnt**, at anytime.
- Fire must be **supervised** at all times.
- Sufficient **water or other fire retardant equipment** are readily available to keep fire under control.
- Fire pit should be constructed **fifty feet (50')** from any building or over head wires.

Yours Truly

Rick Richardson
Fire Chief