



North Bay Fire & Emergency Services

Recreational Burning Permit

Guidelines for Chimineas, Outdoor Fireplaces & Fire Pits

- 1. No unapproved burning will take place as per the Ontario Fire Code. Burning will only be permitted after an appropriate permit is acquired.**
- 2. Burning will only take place between 0800 and 2400 hours (8:00am and 12:00pm midnight)**
- 3. Burning will be allowed only if approved and the site has been inspected by an Officer of North Bay Fire & Emergency Services prior to issue of permit.**
- 4. Permits are issued on an annual basis and must be renewed each year.**
- 5. Only small pieces of clean dry wood or charcoal are to be used.**
- 6. Any complaints of smoke will result in immediate cancellation of permit. Permits may be reinstated, at the discretion of the Fire Chief.**
- 7. No burning shall take place within 15 meters of any wooden structure (shed, house, fence, etc.), property line, tree, hedge, fence, roadway, overhead wire or other combustible article.**
- 8. Fire pits must be isolated and surrounded by a non combustible material such as brick or stone. Pea gravel or coarse sand should be used on the bottom of the pit to assure protection below and to discourage smoldering material.**
- 9. If an appliance such as a chiminea is to be used on a wooden deck, proper shielding to protect the combustible deck will be required, as outlined in section 2.6.2. of the Ontario Fire Code.**
 - 8" clearance on all sides**
 - 18" clearance on loading side**

- **For heat protection, one course of brick or stone to be installed under appliance**
 - **For ember protection, sheet metal to be installed under brick or stone and extend at least 2” outside the brick or stone.**
- 10. An extinguishing device such as a garden hose or portable fire extinguisher must be available in case of emergency.**
 - 11. Burning that creates an annoyance or irritation to adjacent persons, property or premises shall be extinguished.**
 - 12. Burning shall be supervised by a competent adult.**
 - 13. Weather and wind conditions must be favorable in order to burn.**
 - **Rain, fog, smog or other weather conditions that prevent dispersion of smoke require no burning**
 - **High winds or high hazard weather ratings require no burning**
 - 14. The owner of the property must give written permission to tenant allowing them to burn on their property.**
 - 15. Where any holder of a Burning Permit fails or refuses to comply with a term or condition to which the Burning Permit is subject, or, where an Officer has a safety concern, an Officer may immediately suspend or revoke the Burning Permit and if suspended or revoked the Burning Permit holder shall immediately take all steps necessary to extinguish the open air burning.**
 - 16. No burning is allowed during a Fire Ban. It is the Permit holder’s responsibility to make sure that a Fire Ban is not in effect.**
 - 17. Before starting to burn, you must notify Fire Department Dispatch at 472-1221 and then notify them as well when done burning.**