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### **Town of the Blue Mountains Recreational Open Air Burning Guidelines**

The Ontario Fire Code states that property owners conducting open-air burning must do so in approved areas. This guideline will provide property owners in The Blue Mountains with the information required to ensure their properties meet the following minimum requirements for recreational open air burning such as campfires. This will also pertain to the use of appliances used for outdoor burning which do not conform to the Technical Standards and Safety Act.

These guidelines for recreational “open air burning” shall be followed at all times. The use of consumer fireworks shall also be conducted in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

In the event the Fire Department is requested to respond to an “open air burning” related incident, and the burning is not within the suggested guidelines, the fire will be extinguished and a user fee charged to the owner of the property in accordance with By-law 2014-3 Emergency Response Services D.3. Complaints relating to open air burning should be directed to the Blue Mountains By-law Department 519-599-3131 extension 249. Dial 911 for all other fire related emergencies.

It is the property owners’ responsibility to ensure the following minimum requirements are in place prior to burning. They include but are not limited to:

- the fire is contained in a pit
- the materials to be burned must be limited to dry wood or by-products of wood
- the pit is a maximum of one meter in diameter
- the pit is a minimum of ten meters from any buildings, overhead wires and combustible vegetation
- a means of extinguishment is on site
- the fire is supervised at all times by a competent person
- the fire is completely extinguished when it is not being supervised

Leaves and garden waste which produce excessive smoke cannot be burned. The Landfill site on Grey Road 13 accepts leaves, garden waste and brush for disposal at no charge.

If you require further information please contact The Blue Mountains Fire Department during normal business hours at 519 599 5411.