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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **HASTINGS HIGHLANDS OPEN AIR BURNING REMINDER**

There are many key points in the open-air burning bylaw that residents need to be aware of...

- No person shall ignite an open fire, from between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., during the period from April 1 to October 31, which is the Fire Season;  
Exceptions include: a small campfire, no bigger than 60cm in diameter for cooking and warmth, maple syrup operations and farm meat processing and preparation.
- A person capable of containing or extinguishing a fire may burn; piled wood, brush, or discarded wood by-products provided:
  - (a) The fire is ignited at 7:00 p.m. or later and is extinguished at 7:00 a.m. or earlier;
  - (b) The fire is tended by a person capable of extinguishing the fire until the fire is out;
  - (c) The pile is less than 2 meters in height and less than 2 meters in diameter;
  - (d) The fire is at least 5 meters from any combustible materials;
  - (e) The person capable of extinguishing the fire has adequate tools and water and human resources to contain the fire.
- No person shall continue to burn when wind conditions or other factors cause any or all the following:
  - (a) a decrease in visibility on any highway or roadway;
  - (b) a rapid spread of fire through grass or brush areas.
- No person shall set out an open fire during a "Restricted Fire Zone or a "Total Fire Ban".
- Any person setting out an open fire is responsible for the care and control and containment of the fire until it is completely extinguished.

Always keep fire safety in mind, contact the Hastings Highlands Fire Department for more information or any questions you have about our open-air burning requirements.

Always check the Hastings Highlands website and social media accounts prior to igniting a fire to ensure that you are compliant with most up to date fire restriction information.