

## Open Burning Bylaw – Quick Facts

An updated Open Burning Bylaw is now in effect. Some requirements have changed. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.chilliwack.com/burning](http://www.chilliwack.com/burning) for details. All General Burning Permits issued by the City of Chilliwack under “Open Burning Bylaw 2021, No. 5038” shall meet the following requirements:

- Burning is only permitted between the hours of **7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**
- Burning is only permitted when the ventilation index for the day of the burn is “**good**” as defined by Environment Canada. The ventilation index must be confirmed each day of the burn (Call 1-888-281-2992 or visit [www.chilliwack.com/burning](http://www.chilliwack.com/burning)).
- Permit is only valid for **either** of the 2 burning seasons (March to April **or** October to November). A separate permit must be purchased for each burning season. **On-line permits** can now be purchased at [www.mychilliwack.com](http://www.mychilliwack.com) or in-person at City Hall.
- All materials to be burned must originate from the parcel of land identified on the permit.
- Land clearing burning is not permitted at any time and no permits can be issued for this purpose.
- Only **seasoned vegetative debris** may be burned.
- No person shall burn any of the following **prohibited materials**:
  - oil
  - rubber
  - plastics
  - fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides
  - tires
  - railway ties or other material containing creosote
  - wiring insulation
  - petroleum products
  - biomedical waste
  - drywall
  - asphalt or asphalt products
  - paint or varnish
  - chemicals
  - insulation
  - treated lumber
  - fuel and lubricant containers
  - garbage
  - recyclables
  - demolition waste
  - land clearing waste
  - construction waste
  - manure
  - furniture and appliances
  - animal carcasses
- Ensure all open burning minimum clearances are maintained:
  - **15m (50')** from any hedge, fence, on-site building, structure, power line, power pole, or public utility (setback may be reduced to 6m (20') if an approved incinerator is used);
  - **30m (100')** from any stream or highway (public road);
  - **100m (330')** from neighboring residences or businesses;
  - **500m (1600')** from any hospital, school, or care facility.
- An adult must be present at all times during the burn and have adequate firefighting equipment.
- No person shall burn any material or in a manner that produces heavy or toxic smoke or fly ash which endangers the health, safety or welfare of persons or animals or obscures visibility to the airport or traffic on a road.
- No person shall carry out open burning of more than one pile at a time on the same property.
- Burn pile size is limited to approximately 3.0 m in diameter X 2.0 m high (10 ft in diameter X 6.5 ft high).
- A **Burning Bylaw Violation Notice (BBVN)** must be given to all owners/tenants/contractors on site for any illegal burning complaint incidents. Any person who violates or breaches provisions of this bylaw may be issued an offence ticket and/or shall be liable for the cost of fighting any fire which causes damage to lands or property. Fines range from \$250 - \$1000 per offence.

For **complete open burning bylaw information**, please ask the public to call the Fire Department at 604.792.8713 or Bylaw Department at 604.793.2908. Information is also available on the City of Chilliwack website at [www.chilliwack.com/burning](http://www.chilliwack.com/burning)