

Open Air Burning Bylaw – Quick Facts

All General Burning Permits issued by the City of Chilliwack under “Open Air Burning Regulation Bylaw 2008, No. 3511” shall meet the following requirements:

- Burning is only permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Burning is only permitted when the ventilation index for the day of the burn is “**good**” or “**fair**” as defined by Environment Canada. The ventilation index must be confirmed each day of the burn (Call 1-888-281-2992 or 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 or at the City of Chilliwack bylaw department.
- 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.
- No person shall burn any of the following **prohibited materials**:

- oil	- herbicides	- treated lumber
- rubber	- pesticides	- fuel and lubricant containers
- plastics	- drywall	- garbage
- fertilizers	- asphalt	- recyclables
- tires	- paint	- demolition waste
- material containing creosote	- railway ties	- land clearing waste
- wiring insulation	- asphalt products	- construction waste
- petroleum products	- chemicals	- manure
- biomedical waste	- insulation	
- Ensure all open air burning minimum clearances are maintained:
 - 15m (50’) from any hedge, fence, building;
 - 10m (30’) from any stream;
 - 500m (1600’) from any hospital, school or care facility;
 - 30m (100’) from any public road;
 - 10m (30’) from any power poles or power lines.
- An adult must be present at all times during the burn and have adequate firefighting equipment.
- No person shall burn any material that produces heavy or toxic smoke or fly ash which endangers the health, safety or welfare of persons or animals or obscures visibility to traffic on a road.
- Burn pile size is limited to approximately 2.0 m in diameter X 1.5m high (7 ft in diameter X 5 ft high).
- A **Burning Bylaw Violation Warning Notice (BBVWN)** 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 air burning bylaw information**, please 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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Chilliwack, BC _____