



## THE TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH/ERAMOSIA NOTICE

### OPEN AIR BURNING BY-LAW

On Monday, May 4, 2009, the Council of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa adopted By-law No. 29/2009 to amend by-law 11/2009, a by-law to regulate the setting of open air fires within the Township of Guelph/Eramosa.

The purpose of the open air burning by-law is to ensure that residents are educated with respect to the precautions which must be taken when burning and that there is a standard procedure for all residents to follow to allow for adequate recording of approved burning events and requests.

The open air burning by-law requires residents who wish to hold an open air burn, which is defined as, the ignition or incineration by fire of combustibles for the purpose of burning grass, clean wood or other combustibles in any open place, yard, field or construction area which is not enclosed by a building or structure including a fire pit or burn barrel to apply for an open air burning permit.

An open air burning permit is valid for 365 days; the cost of the permit is \$25.00. Once the permit has been issued Township staff will forward your information to the fire department therefore it is not necessary to contact the fire department when you plan to burn.

Recreational fires, the use of a recreational burning device such as a chimenea and cooking fires do not require a permit.

The Township's open air burning by-law sets out safety precautions and restrictions which must be followed for all fires within the township, including open air burning, recreational fires, cooking fires and burn barrels. Please note that time restrictions are in place to set out times that people are allowed to burn. Open air burning may take place between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; recreational burning may take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and cooking fires may take place between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. A complete copy of the Township's open air burning by-law and the amendment to the open air burning by-law may be downloaded from the Township's website at: [www.get.on.ca/bylaws.aspx](http://www.get.on.ca/bylaws.aspx)

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