

## Town of Innisfail | Fire Service Bylaw | Highlights

- Burning Barrels and Incinerators are not permitted within the town limits.
- Charcoal, cut seasoned wood, and natural gas are considered burnable debris and are those materials that are allowed to be burnt in an approved fire pit, fire place or a portable appliance.
- Items that are prohibited to be burnt include but are not limited to; Animal cadavers, Animal manure, Chemicals and chemical containers, Combustible material in automobiles, Non-wooden material, Paints and painting materials, Pathological waste, Rubber or plastic, or anything containing or coated with rubber or plastic or similar substances, except rubber or plastic attached to shredded scrap steel, Tires, Toxic substances, Used oil, or Wood or wood products containing substances for the purposes of preserving wood.
- Fire Pit (Acceptable) means an outdoor receptacle that meets the following specifications:
  - A minimum of 3 meters (10 feet) clearance, measured from the nearest fire pit edge to the nearest edge of building, property line, or other combustible material;
  - The fire chamber area shall not exceed 0.5m<sup>3</sup> (17.7 cubic feet);
  - Equipped with a mesh screen with openings no larger than 6 mm (1/4 inch);
  - Enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal (minimum 18 gauge thickness), or other non-combustible materials; and
  - Not located over any underground utilities or under any aboveground wires.
- Fireplace (Acceptable) means an outdoor receptacle that meets the following specifications:
  - A minimum of 1 meter (3 feet) clearance measured from the nearest fireplace edge to the nearest edge of buildings, property lines, or other combustible material;
  - Constructed of materials such as bricks or rocks that are non-combustible;
  - Equipped with a chimney that is not less than 2.5 meters (8 feet) in height when measured from the base of the fire burning area;
  - A chimney equipped with a regulation screen designed to contain and reduce the hazards of airborne sparks;
  - The base of the fire burning area is not less than 0.3 meters (1 foot) above the surrounding grade; and
  - The fire chamber area does not exceed 0.5m<sup>3</sup>(17.7 cubic feet).
- Portable Appliance means any appliance sold or constructed for the purpose of cooking food in the outdoors, and will be utilized as per the manufactures recommendations.
- Open Fire means any fire which is not contained in an acceptable Fire Pit, Fireplace, Portable Device, or stationary Barbeque but is not limited to:
  - Fire for the burning of weeds, grass, leaves, brush or any other plant matter at the municipal transfer site;
  - Fire related to recreational uses in an area that has not been designated for recreational fire by the Town; and
  - Any Fire set for the purpose of thawing frozen ground.
- No person shall:

- Light an Open Fire in an: Acceptable Fireplace; Acceptable Fire Pit; or Portable Appliance; without first taking sufficient precaution to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
- Light an Open Fire in an: Acceptable Fireplace; Acceptable Fire Pit; or Portable Appliance; when the weather conditions are conducive to creating a Running Fire or when the Fire Chief or another authorized agency has announced a ban on burning;
- Burn in an: Acceptable Fireplace fire; Acceptable Fire Pit; or Portable Appliance; any Prohibited Debris;
- Deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance where it might ignite other material and cause a fire;
- Conduct any activity that involves the use of fire or that creates potential sources of fire ignition, which might reasonably be expected to cause a Running or Open Fire, unless they exercise reasonable care to prevent such a fire from occurring;
- Allow their smoke to cause unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property;
- Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$10,000.00.
- Where a person:
  - Contravenes any section of this Bylaw, that person shall be liable to the Fire Department and the Town for the entire cost of any type of incident or emergency response and mitigation service required to bring the situation under control, whether the Fire Department or the Town provided that service or by a third party person or agency; and
  - The Town may recover such fees or charges as a debt due and owing to the Town; or
  - In the case of action taken by the Fire Department in respect of land within the Town, where the fees or charges are not paid upon demand by the Town, then in default of payment, such fees or charges may be charged against the land as a lien in respect of that land and improvements.
- Other safety precautions:
  - Wind not to exceed 10 kph.
  - Person 18 years of age or older shall be in attendance at all times that the fire is burning.
  - Smoke from the fire will not interfere with any provincial or municipal roadway.