

**Halifax Regional Municipality – Burn Permit**

With the following exceptions, this municipal **Burn Permit** is required for all open air burning in locations that are fully serviced with both municipal water and sewer, providing **all requirements of HRM By-Law O-109 are met.**

**Exceptions:**

- **Contact** the Fire Prevention Division (490-5546) for permits for **Commercial, Religious or Insect Infestation burning.**
- Campfires – **use the Campfire Burn Permit** (Permits are not required for campfires in a **public or private campground**)
- No Permit is required for **Outdoor Wood Burning Appliances** however; all requirements of HRM By-Law O-109 must be met.

This **Burn Permit** is not required for burning in locations that are not fully serviced with both municipal water and sewer, providing **all requirements of HRM By-Law O-109 are met.**

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** (Permit Requirements)

- In a Permit Required Zone (municipal water & sewer), no person shall light or be in charge of an open air burning fire, or be the owner of a property on which an open air fire occurred, without a burn permit.
- A **Burn Permit may be revoked** by the Fire Chief (or his/her designate) at **any time** where it is determined that the proposed burning will pose a fire hazard to persons or property or where the conditions of the permit have not been met.
- In a Permit Required Zone, **no open air burning shall occur during the period of April 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**PERMIT INFORMATION:** (All items must be **in place and checked off as being in place** before commencing burning)

- At least **two people nineteen (19) years of age** or older **must be present** while burning is being conducted and shall **be in possession of this Burn Permit.**
- Open air burning shall not take place within 23 metres (**75 feet**) **of any dwelling or accessory building.**
- **No person shall burn rubber tires, oil, plastic, petroleum products or domestic waste** (as defined in HRM By-Law O-109).
- No fire shall be ignited when the wind velocity may jeopardize the ability to control and contain the fire.
- Only **one pile** shall be burned **on a single site at a time.** The size of the pile shall be at the discretion of the individual in charge of the burning, but shall in no way impair the ability of the individual to control the fire.
- A person in charge of the burning shall have the **means to call 911 from the burn site.**
- The person in charge of a fire shall ensure that the fire is **not left unattended** and that all smoldering embers are **completely extinguished prior to leaving the site** after burning is completed.
- No person shall ignite, allow or cause to be ignited, a fire of any kind in the open air without being **suitably equipped to contain or extinguish the fire,** and shall remain in attendance while the fire is burning or smoldering.
- The person in charge of a fire shall **verify** that there are **no HRM or DNR burning bans** in place.

**AUTHORITY:**

- The Fire Chief (or his/her designate) shall have the authority to extinguish or order extinguished any fire which poses a fire hazard to persons or property, or does not meet the provisions in HRM By-Law O-109.
- The **person in charge** of a fire may be **required to pay all expenses** incurred in controlling or extinguishing any fire which may get beyond control, is in danger of doing so, or extends to the lands of others.
- No person shall refuse to extinguish a fire pursuant to an order of the Fire Chief (or his/her designate).

**PENALTY:**

- Any person who fails to comply with any permit issued hereunder or any condition of such a permit, or any other provision of HRM By-Law O-109 shall be liable to a penalty of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.) and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) or in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days.
- In addition to any fine or imprisonment imposed, the Court or Judge may order the person convicted to pay all expenses incurred in correcting the contravention of HRM By-Law O-109 or any damages associated with such contravention.

	Name	Address	Phone Number
Property Owner:			
Applicant:			
Location Of Burning:			
Date Issued:	This Burn Permit Is Valid For Fourteen (14) Days From The Date Issued		