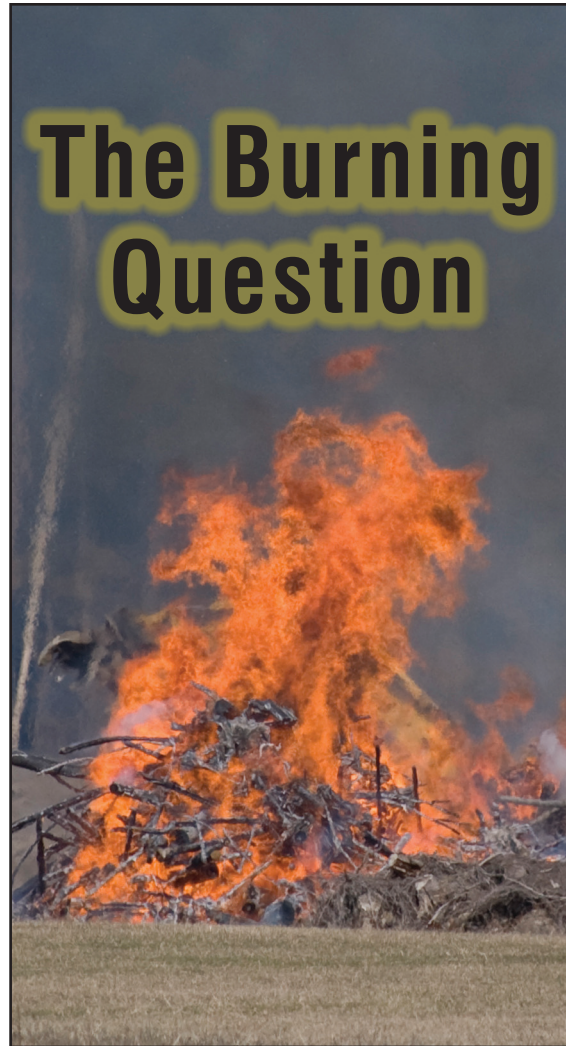


Special Open Burning – No Fee

- Permits for Special Open Burning will only be issued if the property is greater than .99 acre in size.
- Permits issued in this category are for the burning of diseased, dead or infested trees (such as Western & Mountain Pine Beetle) and/or wood waste from a wild fire event only.
- Permits may be subject to a pre-inspection by Fire Chief or designate.
- All materials permitted to be burned shall originate from the land on which the burning will take place.
- The permit is valid for a period of 72 hours and will not exceed 4 permits per year. Must have a 15 day smoke free period between permits.
- Locate fire not less than 10 meters from property lines, structures, standing timber or brush. Fire must be not less than 100 meters from neighbouring residence and 500 meters from a school in session.
- No more than 3 piles burning at once and each pile will not exceed 10 meters in diameter and 4 meters in height. Maximum distance between piles burning will not exceed 100 meters.
- Must meet Ministry of Environment Venting Index Requirements.

If you have any questions about burning regulations or requirements please call the Salmon Arm Fire Department Administration Office at 250.803.4060, visit during business hours (9:00am – 1:30pm) or call the Salmon Arm Information Line at 250.833.0377 after hours.



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Open Burning

The City of Salmon Arm Burning By-law tries to strike a balance between those who feel that there should be no restrictions on burning waste and those who feel human health and environmental hazards created by smoke warrant a total ban on open burning. Every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing, recycling or composting of material to be burned shall be pursued to minimize the amount of material to be burned. If you must burn, here are a few rules you should be aware of before you start:

- **No burning will be done outdoors in the open air, within the City of Salmon Arm, at any time without a permit.**
- The burning of leaves, grass, wet vegetation, tires, plastics, drywall, demolition waste, domestic waste, paint, special waste, tar paper, treated lumber, railway ties, manure, rubber, asphalt, asphalt products, fuel, lubricant containers, biomedical waste or anything producing toxic smoke is strictly prohibited.
- Campfires are the only permitted year round open burning unless a “Campfire Ban” is in place. Although not requiring a permit, fireworks or other heat producing appliances or devices may also be banned during a campfire ban.
- Fires must be attended at all times.
- Open burning permits may be revoked if the open burning is creating a nuisance, producing excessive smoke, fly ash, offensive odors or contrary to the terms of Bylaw No. 3792.
- No permits will be issued between June 15th and September 15th for Agricultural, Land Clearing and Special Open Burning.

Incidental Open Burning - \$10.00

- Property must be .99 acre or more in size.
- Permits for Incidental Open Burning are only available twice a year;
 - March 15th – April 15th, or
 - October 1st – October 31st
- Permits are issued for the burning of dry yard and garden waste (no leaves or grass) only. All materials shall originate from the land on which the burning will take place.
- The permit is valid for a period of 3 calendar days and shall permit the burning of one fire per permit at any given time. Must be a 4 day smoke free period between permits.
- The pile size will not exceed 1 meter cubed (3’x3’x3’).
- Fire must be totally extinguished by 9:00pm (no smoke).
- Locate fire not less than 5 meters (17’) from property lines, structures, standing timber or brush.



Campfires - \$10.00

A campfire is a small, clean burning, solid fuel fire confined to a permanent fixture including portable outdoor fireplaces, designed primarily for cooking and/or to provide heat associated with camping and recreation, installed and maintained to keep fire from spreading.

- Permits are issued on an annual basis for a calendar year. If a property is governed by a strata council, property manager or other such governing body, written authorization must be provided to the Fire Department prior to the issuing of the permit.

- Must be contained in a permanent fixture designed, installed and maintained to prevent fire from spreading. The fixture may be made of rock, concrete block, curved



or fired ceramic clay or a metal container. It will be no greater than 77 cm (30 inches) in diameter and between 21 and 61 cm in height (8 inches & 24 inches) from the base to the top of the fixture.

- The base must consist of a non-combustible material no less than 10 cm greater in size than the outside diameter of the fixture.
- Material which may be burned is limited to clean, dry, seasoned firewood only.
- Occasional fire that will not disturb neighbours.

- Locate fire not less than 5 meters (17') from property lines, structures, standing timber or brush.

- Fire must be extinguished with water by 11:00pm.

- Portable Outdoor Fireplaces, chimineas and other similar wood burning appliances equipped with spark arrestors will meet the following clearances between hot surfaces and combustibles:

- 1200 mm (4 feet) between top of the appliance and nearest combustible such as awnings;

- not to be placed under tree or overhanging portions of a building or deck roof;

- appliance is set on a non-combustible surface such as concrete which extends far enough in front of the fire box opening to catch any embers that may fall out when cleaning or refueling, and

- 1800 mm (6 feet) from the sides, front and rear of appliance to any combustible such as standing timber brush and structures.



Agricultural Open Burning - \$10.00

- Property must be .99 acre or more in size, be designated Agricultural Land Reserve and have current "Farm Status".

- Permits are issued for the burning of indigenous vegetation only. All materials shall originate from the land on which the burning will take place.

- The permit is valid for a period of 72 hours and will not exceed 4 permits per year. Must have a 15 day smoke free period between permits.

- Locate fire not less than 10 meters from property lines, structures, standing timber or brush. Fire must be not less than 100 meters from neighbouring residence and 500 meters from a school in session.

- No more than 2 piles burning at once, each pile will not exceed 5 meters in diameter and 3 meters in height. Maximum distance between piles burning will not exceed 100 meters.

- Must meet Ministry of Environment Venting Index Requirements.

Land Clearing Open Burning - \$150.00

- Property must be 0.99 acres or more in size.

- Permits are issued for the burning of indig-

enous vegetation only. All shall originate from the land on which the burning will take place.

- If property isn't in the ALR, Forest Reserve or Acreage Reserve, burning shall require an "air curtain incineration system", using a pit to contain the burning materials so that maximum heat is retained and the production of particulate matter is minimized.

- Permits may be subject to a pre-inspection by Fire Chief or designate.

- The permit is valid for a period of 96 hours and will not exceed 4 permits per year. Must have a 15 day smoke free period between permits.

- Locate fire not less than 30 meters from property lines, structures, standing timber or brush. Fire must be not less than 100 meters from neighbouring residence and 500 meters from a school in session.

- No more than 3 piles burning at once, each pile will not exceed 10 meters in diameter and 4 meters in height. Maximum distance between piles burning will not exceed 100 meters.

- Must meet Ministry of Environment Venting Index Requirements.

