



OPEN AIR FIRE PERMIT APPLICATION

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Pursuant to the City of Winnipeg Fire Prevention By-Law 35/2017 I Hereby Apply for a Open Air Fire Permit:

Name of Applicant:

(Last name)

(First name)

(Middle Initial(s))

Applicant' Address:

Postal Code:

Telephone / Cell Phone Number:

Email:

To initiate an open-air fire in accordance with this Permit at the following location:

Address / Location:

Legal Description / Business Name:

OWNERSHIP AND AUTHORIZATION

Check the applicable statement that pertains to the Open-Air Fire Permit application:

The Applicant is the registered owner of the land for which this Permit has been requested and issued.

The Applicant has provided written consent from the owner or owner's agent of the land for which this Permit is requested and issued.

The Applicant has provided written consent from the City of Winnipeg or Province of Manitoba if the land that the open-air fire is to be initiated upon is owned by or in the control of the City of Winnipeg or the Province of Manitoba.

Bonfire

Stubble/Crop Residue

Disposal of Wood

Religious/Ceremonial Fire

Warming Fire

Other (Describe)

Indicate the type of open-air fire that will be initiated at the above address/location.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions listed on the reverse and the following:

I will provide a basic map indicating the location of the proposed fire relative to nearby buildings and combustibles.

I have completed this application accurately and truthfully. By signing this application, I agree to limit open air burning to the form and location set out above and to be bound by the conditions set out on this permit.

Further, I agree to absolve the City of Winnipeg, the Chief of the Fire Paramedic Service and any Designated Employee from any and all damages or civil litigation caused by or attributable to in any way, an open air fire initiated by the owner, occupier or person in charge of the premises.

Signature

Date

Except where the open-air fire is set for religious or ceremonial purposes, this Permit is subject to a Fee as set out in the by-law. Upon receipt of payment, this Permit, unless suspended or revoked, is valid:

From _____ Hours on / / to _____ Hours on / /

Rain Date: / /

Or:

I hereby issue an Open-Air Fire Permit to the applicant identified above on the conditions to which the applicant has agreed as noted in his or her application and subject to any further conditions set out herein.

Further Conditions

This Permit is non-transferable and is valid only for open-air fires during the times and dates noted at the above address/location.

The Chief of the Fire Paramedic Service or any designated employee may revoke or suspend an open-air fire permit upon giving such notice and opportunity to appeal the revocation or suspension where the Chief or Designated Employee believes the applicant has contravened any of the conditions of the Permit, the provisions of the By-law, or any provisions of the Manitoba Fire Code or where conditions make the permitted activity unsafe.

Designated Officer (Please Print)

Reg. #

Signature

Date



Fire Paramedic Service Incendie et soins paramédicaux

REQUIREMENTS FOR BONFIRE

The person to whom an Open-Air Fire Permit has been issued shall implement and comply with the following conditions during any open-air burning by:

- 1) retaining the Permit at the site of the open-air fire and producing such Permit for examination upon request by a Fire Paramedic Service employee.
- 2) allowing any Fire Paramedic Service employee to enter the premises and check for compliance with all applicable sections of By-Law No. 35/2017.
- 3) ensuring the fire is maintained a minimum of 8 meters (25 feet), as measured from the nearest edge of the fire, from any combustible buildings or structures, combustible fences, trees and overhead wires.
- 4) burning ONLY clean, seasoned firewood.
- 5) ensuring any open-air fire is under constant adult supervision.
- 6) not permitting any open-air fire when the wind is in such direction or intensity to cause any or all of the following:
 - (a) smoke which causes annoyance or irritation to adjacent properties
 - (b) a decrease in visibility on any highway or road
 - (c) a rapid spread of fire through grass or brushed area
 - (d) when wind velocity exceeds 25 kph (15 miles) per hour
- 7) limiting any open-air fires in size so that they are easily controllable by the person in charge of the open-air fire.
- 8) ensuring that a fire extinguisher, garden hose or other suitable means of extinguishment is readily available at the fire site so that the person in charge can readily control the open-air fire.
- 9) ensuring any open-air fire is completely extinguished before leaving the site.
- 10) calling the Fire Paramedic Service at 9-1-1 should the open air fire become uncontrollable by extending beyond the area of origin.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BURNING STUBBLE OR CROP RESIDUE

The Open-Air Fire Permit is valid only if the adjacent area is included in the allocated Burn District as stipulated by local/provincial authorities, or otherwise approved by the Fire Paramedic Service. Subsequent to initiating any open-air burning of crop residues, the Applicant herein named must:

- 1) retain the Permit at the site of the open-air fire and produce such permit for examination upon request by a Fire Paramedic Service employee.
- 2) contact Manitoba Agriculture at 1-800-265-1233 for the status of permitted crop residue burning PRIOR to any burning.
- 3) conduct all burning ONLY during the hours specified by Manitoba Agriculture (restricted to daylight hours only).
- 4) conduct a test fire to determine wind and smoke characteristics and ensure that smoke will not create an unreasonable hazard to people's health or negatively impact visibility on neighbouring roadways or highways. Cease all burning if smoke drifts toward or enters populated areas.
- 5) immediately cease all burning operations and extinguish all ignited crop residues upon receiving a valid complaint.
- 6) supervise all fires at all times.
- 7) properly fire guard the burn area to prevent the fire from spreading.
- 8) provide suitable tillage equipment capable of controlling the burn area and preventing the unwanted spread of fire to areas unintended for burning.
- 9) maintain the size of the burn area(s) so as to allow for easy control and rapid extinguishment if necessary.
- 10) notify the Fire Paramedic Service Communications Dispatcher by phone at 986-6336 providing address, permit number, etc. PRIOR to any burning.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WOOD

Where an Open-Air Fire Permit authorizes a fire for the disposal of wood the fire must:

- 1) not be ignited unless the open-air fire permit is kept on site and available for examination by a Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service employee.
- 2) be limited in size so that it may be readily controlled by the person in charge of the fire.
- 3) be maintained a minimum of 8m (25 feet), as measured from the nearest edge of the fire, from any combustible buildings or structures, combustible fences, trees and overhead wires, unless the permit authorizing the fire states otherwise.
- 4) be under constant adult supervision and never be left unattended until and unless fully extinguished.
- 5) be controllable by having a means of extinguishment on site such as a portable fire extinguisher, supply of water, sand or other suitable equipment.
- 6) not be ignited when the wind is in such direction or intensity causing smoke to be an annoyance or irritation to adjacent properties; or a decrease in visibility on any highway or road; or a rapid spread of fire through grass or brushed areas or when wind velocity exceeds 25 kph (15 miles) per hour.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS OR CEREMONIAL FIRES

Where an Open-Air Fire Permit is issued due to non-compliance to the By-law and authorizes a fire for religious or ceremonial purposes the fire must:

- 1) not be ignited unless the open-air fire permit is kept on site and available for examination by the Fire Paramedic Service.
- 2) be maintained in an acceptable receptacle unless the permit authorizing the fire states otherwise.
- 3) never be left unattended until and unless fully extinguished.
- 4) be limited in size so that it may be readily controlled and any combustible materials are kept a safe distance away.
- 5) be controllable by having a means of extinguishment on site such as a portable fire extinguisher, supply of water, sand or other suitable equipment.

REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR WARMING FIRES

Where an Open-Air Fire Permit authorizes an outdoor warming fire, the fire must:

- 1) not be ignited unless the open-air fire permit is kept on site and available for examination by the Fire Paramedic Service.
- 2) be set in a metal receptacle in good repair that has a maximum capacity of 225 litres (50 gallons) with all openings entirely covered by removable, non-combustible spark arrestors, grilles or mesh with openings no larger than 12mm (1/2 inch).
- 3) be fuelled only by clean wood or clean scrap lumber.
- 4) not be fuelled by garbage, rubber, plastic, painted or chemically treated wood or any combustible material that when burned may give off black smoke or obnoxious odours.
- 5) be maintained a minimum of 3m (10 feet), as measured from the nearest edge of the fire, from any combustible buildings or structures, combustible fences, trees and overhead wires.