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Town of Lewisporte Open air backyard fire policy

An open-air backyard fire does not require a permit, however a resident who participates in a backyard fire is governed by this policy as outlined.

- (1) Open air fireplaces / firepits, grills and barbecues are permitted where:
 - a. only seasoned wood is used,
 - b. smoke does not cause an annoyance to adjacent properties.
 - c. These outdoor fireplaces shall not be used when wind conditions are such that they may cause embers to ignite surrounding material.
 - d. installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions, if supplied,
 - e. located at least 3 meters from any building, structure or combustible material,
 - f. capable of completely containing/enclosing the fire,
 - g. equipped with a spark arrester and/or screen to prevent escape of sparks and/or burning embers,
 - h. placed on a firm and level surface which has a non-combustible base beneath it (j) attended by someone with access to a fire extinguisher, bucket of water or another water source while operating.
- (2) A resident who causes, sets, lights or otherwise ignites an open air fire shall take every reasonable and reasonably foreseeable precaution to prevent the fire from spreading and shall not leave the fire unattended until it is extinguished.
- (3) The resident is responsible for damage resulting from an open air fire caused, set, lit or otherwise ignited by that person.
- (4) These devices shall not be used during times when the Provincial fire weather index is in the high or extreme range. This information can be obtained by telephoning the Provincial Forestry Service at (709) 637-2408 or visiting <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/public-education/forestry/forest-fires/fire-hazard-map-forecast/>
- (5) The Town, including outside staff and the Lewisporte Fire Rescue have the authority to enter any property within the Town of Lewisporte for the purpose of conducting an inspection for compliance to this policy and may take any action necessary to control or extinguish the fire
- (6) First time offenders of this policy will be issued a written warning letter from the Town of Lewisporte.

A repeat of non-compliance to this policy will result in a fine or a ban on any future outdoor fires or may be subject to a combination of both a fine and a ban on future outdoor fires.

In case of emergency please contact the Lewisporte Fire Rescue at 709-535-2222