



Use of “Outdoor Fireplaces, Chimineas, Fire Pits, etc.” within Town Limits

Under authority of the Town of Nackawic By-Law No. ???, respecting fire prevention as it relates to burning, no open fires are permitted in the Town of Nackawic and all fires must be contained in outdoor fireplaces, chimineas, fire pits, etc.

Under the authority of the Town of Nackawic By-Law No. ?? respecting fire prevention as it relates to the use of “outdoor fireplaces” and like units for recreational purposes on private land, homeowners must make application for a permit (at no charge) from the Nackawic Fire Department on a seasonal basis for use of these appliances.

The following requirements apply:

- 1) The appliance must be made of non-combustible materials (ie: steel, masonry, clay, etc.) and covered with a suitable steel wire mesh which has 6mm (1/4 inch) openings.
- 2) The appliance must be located at least 8 metres (25 feet) from any combustible materials. This would include structures; fences; combustible patios and decks; propane or gasoline storage; trees and other vegetation such as un-mowed grass. This distance may be decreased if the appliance has been tested by a recognized testing agency such as Canada Standards Association (CSA), Underwriters’ Laboratory of Canada (ULC), Warnoch-Hersey, etc. Any appliance approved by such agencies will have a plate affixed to them advising the clearance requirements and/or will be specified in the owner’s manual if one was provided.
- 3) In the case of rental property, a letter from the owner must be received stating that the owner is aware of the use of the appliance on the property and has no objections.
- 4) The burning of refuse (garbage, etc.); rubber products (tires, etc.); petroleum products (gasoline, oil, etc.); treated-wood materials (finished deck materials, etc.); or materials which create large amounts of smoke, whether residential or industrial shall not be permitted at any time.
- 5) There shall not be any burning during any time that the Department of Natural Resources and Energy prohibits outdoor burning due to extreme fire conditions. Conditions can be checked online at http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/public_alerts/forest_fire_watch.html or by phoning 1-866-458-8080.
- 6) All materials to be burned shall be piled and placed away from any combustible materials.
- 7) No fire shall be ignited when the wind is blowing of sufficient velocity such that it may jeopardize the permit holder’s ability to control the fire.
- 8) The person to whom the permit is issued shall ensure that the fire is not left unattended and that all smouldering embers are completely extinguished after burning is completed.
- 9) The Nackawic Fire Department shall be notified immediately if the fire is or appears to be getting out of control. The permit holder may be required to pay all expenses incurred in controlling or extinguishing any fire, which may get beyond or be in danger of doing so or extend to lands of others.
- 10) Any person who does not have a burning permit shall receive two warnings by letter. After the second warning the Nackawic Fire Department shall extinguish any fires and the parties will be fined not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each offence thereafter.

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