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"SERVING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF AMARANTH, MELANCTHON, MONO, MULMUR AND SHELBURNE"

TOWN OF SHELBURNE OPEN AIR CONTAINED FIRES

Before you have a recreational fire read the following rules and conditions contained in this handout. However, to fully understand your responsibility and the penalties that may result for failure to comply with regulations, you are advised to obtain a complete version of By-Law 22-2003, By-Law to Regulate the Setting of Fires and Prevent the Spreading Thereof, available at www.townofshelburne.on.ca or by request at the Municipal Office, located at 203 Main St. E., Shelburne.

Permission is granted, by the Fire Chief, for open air burnings that are contained within non-combustible containers or pits specifically designed for open-air burnings.

The following regulations shall apply with respect to open-air burnings for recreational purposes:

- (1) Open-air burnings may be conducted between the hours of 12 p.m. and 1 a.m. only.
- (2) NO materials other than commercially produced charcoal briquette or clean, dry seasoned wood may be burned.
- (3) Open burnings shall be confined to non-combustible commercially produced fire containers or to a pit specifically designed for fires no larger than three (3) feet (91.5 centimetres) by three (3) feet (91.5 centimetres) in size.
- (4) When in use the open burning device or pit shall be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen having mesh openings no larger than one half (.5) inch (13 millimetres) which shall be placed in such a manner as

to prevent the escape from the fire of combustible solids such as sparks and ash.

(5) The dimensions of the fuel being burnt shall not be greater than the size of the container or fire pit to a maximum of one (1) cubic foot (.03 cubic metres) and shall be totally confined within the container or pit at all times.

(6) An open air burning shall be confined to a location that provides for a minimum distance of five (5) metres (16.4 feet) in all directions from adjacent properties.

(7) Open-air burnings shall be confined to an area that is a minimum of three (3) metres (9.84 feet) from combustible structures or objects.

(8) An effective extinguishing agent of sufficient size and with the capability of extinguishing the fire shall be immediately available for use.

(9) Open air burnings shall be attended, controlled and supervised at all times and shall be completely extinguished before the open-air burn site is vacated.

(10) Open-air burnings are not permitted when the wind speed exceeds 15 kilometres per hour or during rainy or foggy weather or at times when a smog alert has been declared. The appropriate Federal and/or Provincial Government agency shall be used as the source for this information.

(11) The owner or occupant must take steps to ensure that adjacent properties are protected and that the byproducts (smoke, etc.) of open-air burnings do not have a negative impact on persons, pets or the environment.

Each step toward safety is one step further from tragedy.

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