



The Assiginack Fire Department *Open Air Burning Policy*

The Assiginack Fire Department is committed to providing the highest level of fire prevention and public fire safety. The following guidelines comply with the regulations contained in the Forest Fires Prevention Act and are designed to permit fires without a permit under relatively safe conditions from April 1st until Oct. 31st of any given year.

The land owner and/ or the person responsible for the ignition of a fire may be charged and held financially liable for all costs associated with its extinguishment if they do not follow these guidelines, the fire becomes a nuisance to another community member or the fire becomes out of control.

If a *Restricted Fire Zone* or a *Fire Ban* is put in place by the *MNR* or by the Assiginack Fire Department because of a high fire hazard, the following fires will not be allowed.

A fire permit will not be required to burn wood, brush or discarded wood by- products if:

1. The fire is tended by a responsible person until out.
2. The pile is less than 2 meters in diameter and less than 2 meters high
3. The fire is ignited 2 hours before sunset, or later, and is extinguished 2 hours after sunrise, or earlier.
4. The fire is at least 2 meters from any flammable materials.
5. The person has adequate tools or water to contain the fire.

A fire permit will not be required to burn grass and leaves if:

1. The fire is tended to by a responsible person until out.
2. The area to be burned is less than 1 ha.
3. The length of flaming edge is less than 30 meters
4. The fire is ignited 2 hours before sunset, or later, and is extinguished 2 hours after sunrise, or earlier.
5. The person has adequate tools or water to contain the fire.

Incinerators will not require permits if:

1. It is an Enclosed device
2. At least 5 meters from any forest
3. At least 2 meters from flammable material

4. Covered by mesh less than 5 millimeters in size
5. The fire is tended to by a responsible person until out.

Complex fires not covered by these guidelines will need to be discussed with the Fire Chief.

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