



**THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH FIRE & RESCUE**

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**FIRE PERMIT** effective from April 1 to October 31, 2025

Permit #	2025-
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NAME		
MAILING ADDRESS		
PHONE		EMAIL
ADDRESS where fire is to take place		

The Ontario Fire Code, The Forest Fire Protection Act, Ontario Regulations 270/96 and 230/00 all address aspects of “open air burning” in Ontario. Municipal Bylaws or permits cannot supersede Provincial law, therefore; It is your responsibility to ensure that any fire that you start or tend meets any conditions or restrictions set forth in any law or regulation.

All permits are paused for the time that a restricted Fire Zone (Fire Ban) is declared by Provincial or Municipal officials.

It is the intent of the township that fire permit conditions are equal to or more restrictive than any set forth in any Provincial Act or Regulation.

**Fires where no permit is required**

1. A person may have a fire without a permit during the fire season, at any time of day, under the following conditions:

The open-air burning must consist of a small, confined fire that is:

- a) Used for warmth and/or to cook food on a grill, barbecue, or spit
- b) Commensurate with the type and quantity of food being cooked, and
- c) Be supervised at all times.
- d) Be no closer than 2m from flammable material or structures.
- e) Must not cause visibility issues on roadways or discomfort to a person.

**Fire Permit Conditions:**

1. No person shall start a fire outdoors unless conditions will allow the fire to burn safely from start to extinguishment and;

- a) No person who starts a fire outdoors shall leave the fire without leaving a person in charge of the fire.
- b) A person who starts a fire outdoors or, if the person who started the fire is not present, a person in charge of a fire outdoors shall take all necessary steps to tend the fire, keep the fire under control, and extinguish the fire before leaving the site.

- c) The fire is started not earlier than two hours before sunset, and is extinguished not later than two hours after sunrise the following day, or earlier.
- d) The fire is at least two metres from any flammable materials or structures.
- e) The person tending the fire has tools or water adequate to contain the fire within the fire site.
- 2. No person shall make or tend an open fire in a pile with the following unless they have a permit, meet the conditions in paragraph 1 and;
  - a) The material is burned in a single pile that is less than two metres in diameter and less than two metres high.
- 3. No person shall make or tend a fire in an incinerator during the fire season unless the person has a permit, meets the conditions in paragraph 1 and;
  - a) The incinerator is an enclosed device constructed entirely of non-combustible material.
  - b) The incinerator is at least five metres from any forest area.
  - c) The incinerator is at least two metres from any flammable materials.
  - d) The outlet of the incinerator is covered with a screen having a mesh size of not more than five millimeters.
- 4. No person shall start or tend a fire during the fire season for the purpose of burning grass or leaf litter unless the person has a permit, meets the conditions in paragraph 1 and;
  - a) The person starting or tending the fire is on property he or she lawfully occupies.
  - b) the total area to be burned does not exceed one hectare;
  - c) the length of flaming edge does not exceed 30 metres;
- 5. Tenants shall provide municipality with written authorization from property owner to apply for a burn permit on property not owned by a tenant.
- 6. Fires found to be unattended or leaving the subject property will be extinguished by the fire department, and current MTO rates for fire apparatus attendance may be levied against the property owner.

Should you wish to burn at a time, or have a fire larger than described in this document, you must receive permission from the Fire Chief or Designate and will also likely need an additional permit from the MNRF. Contact the Fire Chief 705-971-1970.

**I, the undersigned, have read and understand the Regulations and Conditions of this Fire Permit and will comply with said regulations and conditions and be subject to the fines and fees for noncompliance.**

Signature of applicant

Date

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Issued by:

**Fill and sign. We can mail or email your copy.**

EMAIL Filled form to: [apply@stjoseph township.com](mailto:apply@stjoseph township.com)

MAIL

EMAIL

**FIRE EMERGENCY: CALL 9-1-1**

**Privacy Statement, Collection of Information:**

Your personal information is being collected by The Township of St. Joseph. Information is collected from you to provide municipal services, programs or regulations in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and other statutes. This personal information will be kept private and will only be used for the purposes of providing municipal services. If you have any questions about the collection, use, disclosure, or retention of your information by The Township of St. Joseph, please contact us: [clerkadmin@stjoseph township.com](mailto:clerkadmin@stjoseph township.com)