

SPECIAL OCCASION FIRES GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Residents in areas with close property lines and higher housing density may be incapable of successfully conducting Special Occasion Fires.

It is strongly advised that persons engaging in the activity of a special occasion fire contact neighbours well in advance and advise of their intentions. This will gauge neighbourhood acceptance to the activity and may help in the reduction of public complaints.

Extreme discretion and caution must be exercised particularly during the summer months to ensure that a nuisance or safety hazard is not being created respective of adjacent properties. Most complaints generated are a direct result of residents attempting to cool their homes on hot summer evenings and suffering the effects of wood smoke entering the home.

The public has a heightened responsibility to read and understand all relevant By-laws and Provincial Legislation as it applies to open air burning, especially the penalties for burning prohibited materials. Failure to do so could result in municipal and provincial fines.

Suspensions of municipal burning will be advertised. It is the responsibility of individuals to stay current with any pertinent information related to the activity of open air burning.

BYLAW 1772 5.0 OPEN AIR BURNING

5.01 Special Occasion

Open air burning within the City limits is permissible without an authorization for the purpose of Special Occasion fires only.

These are fires contained in fire pits intended for cooking and social gatherings. Pit size is generally less than 60 cm x 60 cm (2' x 2') in diameter and fuel consists of seasoned and dry cordwood. Pit location must be such that risk of ignition to adjacent exposures does not exist.

As the name implies, these burns are only for "Special Occasions" such as incidental friend and family gatherings and are not intended for repeated burning whenever desired by the home owner or resident.

Special Occasion fires may be conducted throughout the calendar year subject to this Bylaw. Abusing this form of burning or use for any other reason will result in municipal fines.

5.02 Fire Smart Program Related Projects

Open air burning within the City limits is permissible with a written authorization for Fire Smart related projects.

These are controlled hazard abatement burns used to dispose of vegetative materials that constitute a fire hazard. Before a burn authorization will be issued a site viewing will be conducted to gauge material fuel loading, terrain and volumes. Impact on adjacent properties, venting and overall safety will be assessed. Full consideration and encouragement will be given to utilize alternate abatement methods.

For the application of this bylaw the materials burned must originate from the parcel of land or property where the burning takes place unless otherwise authorized or permitted by provincial authority or regulation. The owner or the owner's agent for the property must make application at the Fire Hall.

5.03 Open air burning is subject to the following conditions, inclusive of burning regulated by provincial authority:

a. Persons engaged in open air burning must satisfy all provincial legislation, where applicable.

b. Burning of dimensional lumber, demolition waste, paper, and/or cardboard material is strictly prohibited, except for a minimal amount of non-inked paper for the initial starting of the fire.

c. No person shall light or start, or knowingly permit, or cause to be started, ignited, or continued, a fire of any kind, whatsoever, in the open air at any time in the City unless it is done so in compliance with this bylaw.

d. No person shall engage in the burning of prohibited materials as identified under provincial regulation.

e. Use of burning barrels and wood stoves is strictly prohibited for the purpose of open air burning. Other non-conforming applications will be addressed accordingly.

f. **Amended by Bylaw 1899* No person shall engage in the activity of open air burning except in accordance with this By-law.

g. Where authorization is required, application must be made at the Fire Hall.

h. Persons engaged in the activity of open air burning shall ensure a competent person at least 19 years of age is in charge of the burn at all times and until the fire is completely extinguished.

i. Persons engaged in the activity of open air burning must have on site, unless otherwise exempted, a readily available water supply with a connected and functional hose line, a shovel, and a filled 20 litre water pail to effectively control, suppress and extinguish the fire.

j. The Fire Chief may identify and designate areas where open air burning may not be conducted for reasons of public safety or nuisance.

k. The Fire Chief may order persons engaged in open air burning to extinguish a fire at any time that it is deemed to be a public safety hazard or nuisance.

l. No persons shall engage in open air burning when weather conditions are such that doing so will create a public safety hazard or nuisance.

CITY OF REVELSTOKE

MUNICIPAL TICKETS

SCHEDULE 5

FIRE PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND CONTROL SERVICES BYLAW No. 1772

OFFENCE	SECTION	FINE
Burning contrary to Bylaw	5.03(c)	\$500.00
Burning prohibited materials	5.03(d)	\$1000.00
Use of non-conforming item(s)	5.03(e)	\$500.00
Burning without authorization	5.03(f)	\$1000.00
Failure to have competent person in charge	5.03(h)	\$500.00
Failure to have necessary equipment on site	5.03(i)	\$500.00
Failure to secure fire damaged building	6.03	\$1000.00
Park within 5m of a fire hydrant	6.04(d)	\$300.00
Park in prohibited are at Fire Hall	6.04(e)	\$500.00
Park in fire lane	6.04(f)	\$300.00
Erecting or building a solid fuel burning device/appliance without authorization	6.04(h)(i)	\$1000.00
Obstruction or interference	7.02(c)	\$1000.00
Sell, give ,set off or possess fireworks	8.00(b)	\$1000.00