



# STEP 1 - BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION

Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen

<b>NAME</b> (First and Last)			
<b>OWNER'S NAME</b> Please fill in property owner's name if not the same as above			
<b>MAILING ADDRESS</b>			
		<b>Postal Code</b>	
<b>PROPERTY TYPE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orchard	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vineyard	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ranch	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	
<b>ADDRESS OF BURN LOCATION</b>			
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>			
<b>CELL PHONE NUMBER</b>			
<b>FAX NUMBER</b>			
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b> Required Field			
<b>FIRE PROTECTION AREA</b> (select your fire protection area)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kaleden	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tulameen	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Naramata	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Willowbrook	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Okanagan Falls	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>INDICATE WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO BURN</b> Refer to: Regulations & Prohibitions, Bylaw 2364, 2005  Please note: Burning of compostable materials (such as leaves, tree needles, weeds, grass clippings, garden waste...) is not permitted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pine Beetle Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree Stumps	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hillside	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Tree Removal	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pruning < 8" Diameter	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pruning > 8" Diameter	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe)	
<b>Initial</b>	<b>I have read and understand the Regulations and Prohibitions (Bylaw 2364, 2005)</b>		
<b>Tracking Number</b>			

## Sign and Pay for your Open Air Burning Permit at:

Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen  
101 Martin Street  
Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Phone: (250)492-0237  
Fax: (250)492-0063

Your Burning Permit Application is forwarded to your local fire department for approval.

**If declined** – your local fire department will contact you to explain

**If approved** – you will be contacted to pick up your Open Air Burning Permit at the Regional District Office located at 101 Martin Street, Penticton

The Open Air Burning Permit will be valid on receipt of the **signed** permit and the **\$30.00 fee**.

**Open Air Burning Permit is valid for calendar year.**

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## Open Air Burning Bylaw 2364, 2005 Regulations and Prohibitions

1. No person will light, ignite or start, or allow, or cause to be lighted, ignited, or started, a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air except in accordance with the following regulations
  - a. Only permitted burning materials will be burned;
  - b. All permitted burning materials to be burned will originate from the land on which it is to be burned;
  - c. All burning will be conducted and concluded between 7:00 a.m. and sunset of the same day except for burning permitted under section 1.1.D;
  - d. All burning of stumps and other materials exceeding 20 cm (8") in diameter may be maintained for a maximum of 72 hours if the fire is substantially smokeless, provided that no further combustible materials will be added to the fire after sunset of each day of the fire;
  - e. All fires will be continuously controlled and supervised by a competent person properly equipped with sufficient fire extinguishing equipment and material;
  - f. All fires will be maintained so as to not constitute a nuisance;
  - g. The Fire Chief, or designate, may, by permit allow open air burning provided a minimum separation of:
    - i) 30 metres will be maintained between the location of the fire and any buildings and between any public roadway;
    - ii) 100 metres will be maintained between the location of the fire and any buildings on neighboring properties which may be a dwelling, business or public facility;
    - iii) 500 metres will be maintained between the location of the fire and schools in session, hospitals and facilities used for continuing care as defined under the Continuing Care Act.
    - iv) 10 metres will be maintained between the location of the fire and any power poles and power lines.
  - h. Favorable weather for smoke dispersion - Open burning must not be initiated unless the ventilation index is forecast as:
    - v) "good" for the day on the open burning is to be started, and
    - vi) "good" or "fair" on the second and third day the fire is anticipated to release smoke.
    - vii) Open burning of debris must not be initiated if the local air flow will cause the smoke to negatively impact on a nearby population or cause pollution.
  - i. Duration of smoke release from open burning – The smoke release period for each parcel of land must not be greater than 72 consecutive hours for burns described in Part V, 1., 1.1 (d).
  - j. Burn periods per year – Smoke may be released during open burning on a parcel of land on no more than 4 separate occasions during a calendar year.
  - k. No open burning between April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> unless deemed safe conditions by the Fire Chief. On the authority of the Fire Chief open burning dates may be extended if the risk of wildfire is reduced due to wet weather conditions.

### Permitted Materials:

Parts of trees or other vegetation that do constitute compostable materials and will include prunings, branches, trunks and tree stumps.

### Prohibited Burning Materials:

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|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. tires          | g. demolition waste | m. special waste                 |
| b. treated lumber | h. rubber           | n. fuel and lubricant containers |
| c. plastics       | i. domestic waste   | o. tar paper                     |
| d. railway ties   | j. asphalt          | p. biomedical waste              |
| e. drywall        | k. paint            |                                  |
| f. manure         | l. asphalt products |                                  |

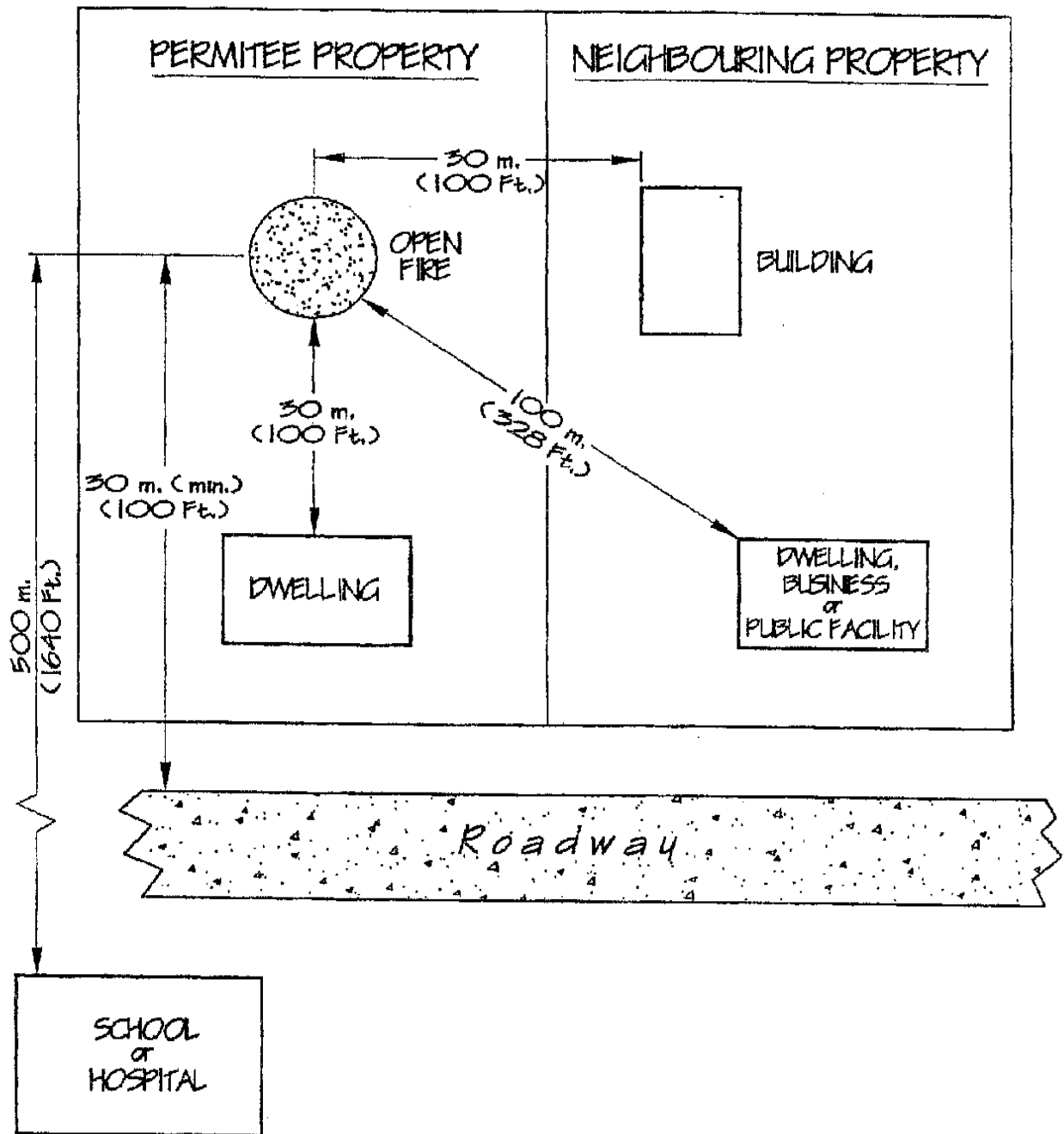
### Restrictions

1. No person will burn prohibited burning materials, compostable<sup>1</sup> materials or garbage in the open air, campfire, fireplace or woodstove. (Don't burn garbage, plastics, irrigation pipes, support posts, treated wood, wire, construction waste, tires... in your burning pile.)
2. All fires are subject to local fire hazard restrictions and Ministry of Forests fire hazard restrictions and are subject to cancellation at any time by an authority having jurisdiction.
3. No person shall cause or permit smoke from use of an incinerator, burning barrel, outdoor barbecue, or other appliance for burning prohibited materials, compostable materials or garbage, nor will any enclosed fire be built, set or maintained outside the walls of a building at any time.
4. No person will light, ignite or start or allow, or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire, when a reasonable person would know that the wind is strong enough to cause sparks or other burning material to be carried to combustible material.
5. A person who lights, ignites, or starts, or allows a fire to be lighted, ignited, or started, will report and/or attempt to control any fire that escapes or threatens to escape from the intended burning area.

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<sup>1</sup> Compostable materials means waste products from plants, trees or other vegetation that is naturally biodegradable including grass clippings, leaves, tree needles, garden waste and weeds.

# MINIMUM DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS



P.J.A./May '98

Not to Scale

For better morning smoke dispersion the Ministry of Environment recommends start burn times: **FALL 12:00 noon** and **SPRING 10:00 A.M.**