

# Schedule 'A'

## Open Air Burn By-law 2022-13

**Permit type:** Bonfire

**To obtain permit go to:** [www.meaford.burnpermit.com](http://www.meaford.burnpermit.com)

**Additional information and By-law 2022-13 go to:** [www.meaford.ca/burnpermit](http://www.meaford.ca/burnpermit)

**Toll Free Notification Number:** 1-855-693-0080

### Key Definitions:

“Approved Device” means a device/container that is approved in this bylaw or that is designed to contain an open-air-fire and is listed as an approved device by a recognized national or international testing/certification organization, or as approved by the Chief Fire Official as being suitable to contain an Open-Air Fire.

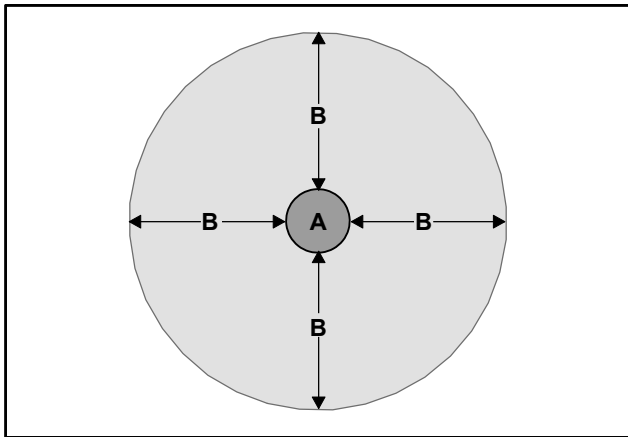
“Combustibles” are materials that can combust (burn) in air. Types of Combustibles include, but are not limited to, any building or structure, tree, hedge, long grass, fence, roadway, overhead wires, or other combustible materials.

“Material to burn” – clean and clear wood or by products of clean and clear wood.

“Bonfire” is only permitted on land that is greater than 1 acre and in an approved device enclosed on all sides and constructed of masonry, concrete, stone, heavy gauge metal or other non-combustible materials that is not greater than 2.2m (7.2ft) in length, by 2.2m (7.2ft) in width, 2.2m (7.2ft) in height.

## Permit required - automatic approval after signing off all of the terms and conditions

### Section 6 "Bonfire"



### Key notes - Bonfire

- An approved (with review and/or inspection) Open Air Fire that has been granted a Permit by the Chief Fire Official.
  - Property to be greater than 1 acre of land.
  - To contact and advise of each time of an active burn.
  - Only one burning fire permitted at one time per property.
  - Combustibles are not to be within a 6m (20ft) radius from the edge of the Bonfire in all directions.
  - Materials to be added to Bonfire can be within 3m (10ft) of the Bonfire and the pile cannot be higher than 2.2m (7.2ft).
  - Permit holder shall be within 6m(20ft) of the burn site at all times and shall have a portable ABC fire extinguisher of not less than 10 lbs or an adequate means of water and/or equipment to extinguish fire promptly while the burn is being conducted.
- Ⓐ Fire - not greater than 2.2m (7.2ft) in length, by 2.2m (7.2ft) in width, 2.2m (7.2ft) in height.
- Ⓑ Setback area - Combustibles not to be within a 6m (20ft) radius from the edge of the Bond Fire in all directions

### Key General Provisions of By-law 2022-13

**General Provisions** are applicable to all types of Open Air Burns within the Municipality.

Any owner or person that sets, maintains or operates any Open Air Burn shall ensure all of the following conditions are met:

- The fire will be in compliance to the required setbacks as to the type and size and it will not be conducted in the front yard;
- No fire is allowed to burn on a balcony or deck that is made up of combustible materials;
- All materials to be burned are to be of clean clear wood or by products of clean clear wood;
- Household Waste is not permitted to be burned. Household Waste is defined as “combustible material such as perishable foods, plastics, paints, oils, solvents, rubber, insulation, batteries, acids, polystyrenes (Styrofoam), pressure treated or painted lumber, shingles, tires, upholstered furniture, synthetic fabrics, diapers and hazardous waste, as defined in the Environmental Protection Act, and all other similar and like materials”;
- Yard Waste is not permitted to be burned. Yard waste is defined as “vegetation such as leaves, grass clippings that can be composted”;
- Ground Cover is not to be burned unless approved by the Chief Fire Official or their designate. Ground Cover is defined as “vegetation on the ground and includes, but is not limited to, leaves, grasses, weeds, tree needles, or wood chips”;
- No fire is to be a nuisance to neighbouring properties;
- No fire is permitted during a burn ban;
- No fire is allowed to burn, if winds are greater than 20km/hour;
- No fire is allowed to burn when a smog alert has been issued;
- All permits expire annually on December 31st;
- In obtaining a permit, I agree that an inspection may be conducted on the burn site to ensure it meets the applicable provisions;
- I understand and acknowledge having read and understood the terms and conditions specified in the applicable sections of By-law 2022-13 and assume all responsibility and liability in connection with the type of open air burning.