



MEDIA RELEASE

Open-Air Burning Ban FAQ

Why did the City of Niagara Falls issue an open air burning ban?

The Fire Chief implemented the ban due to recent hot and dry weather with low levels of precipitation that has increased the risk of a fire burning out of control by quickly spreading to nearby grass and plants.

Have other municipalities in Niagara issued similar bans?

Yes. Grimsby, West Lincoln, Lincoln, Fort Erie, Pelham, Wainfleet and St. Catharines issued open-air burning bans earlier this week and other municipalities are expected to follow in the coming days.

When will the ban be lifted?

The ban will remain in place until the risk of fire spreading has been reduced to a manageable level by a sustained rainfall and cooler temperatures.

Can I buy fireworks when an open-air burning ban is in effect?

Yes, you can still buy fireworks during a ban on open-air burning from licensed businesses.

Can I set off fireworks when an open-air burning ban is in effect?

No. Fireworks, cooking fires, agricultural fires and any other kind of open-air burning is not allowed when the ban is in effect.

Will there be a community fireworks show on Canada Day?

The ban does not apply to the fireworks display hosted by the Niagara Parks Commission. Residents and their families can enjoy the fireworks display in the Niagara Parks on Friday July 1st and Sunday July 3rd.

Can I still use my barbecue during the ban on open-air burning?

Yes, cooking on a barbecue is still permitted under the ban.

What is the penalty for violating the ban?

Residents who do not comply with the open air burning ban can be charged under Municipal By-law or the Ontario Fire Code and fines can range from \$2,000 to \$50,000.