



## MUNICIPALITY OF MIDDLESEX CENTRE

### Middlesex Centre Open Burn By-law

Before burning any materials ensure that you are not going to violate this by-law and remember that clean, dry, untreated wood is the only material that is permitted by the by-law to be burned and only in the non-residential areas of the Municipality. To view the complete by-law please visit our webpage at [www.middlesexcentre.on.ca](http://www.middlesexcentre.on.ca) and go to the forms and documents page.

**Be aware:** If the Fire Department is dispatched to attend an unauthorized fire the property owner will be billed in accordance with the municipality's current Fees and Charges By-law. At a **minimum**, a property owner will be billed for two trucks being dispatched from their respective station. Each truck is billed at a rate of \$350.00 an hour. Depending on the nature of the 911 call placed to dispatch there is a possibility for a charge of five trucks or more being billed. Therefore, by taking the risk of having an unauthorized burn you may potentially be looking at a bill from the Fire Department in range of \$700.00 to \$1750.00 for one hour or less of the Fire Department's time to respond to the call. The Fire Department takes a zero tolerance approach to these billing practices. If you would like to know if you are in a restricted or non-restricted area and/or if the material you would like to burn is prohibited please contact the Fire Department at 519-666-0190 x266.

Be especially careful as things start to dry up with the summer's heat. Pay particular attention to maturing crops, grass drying up, etc., not only on your own property, but your neighbours as well. Be considerate; the smell of a wood fire may be pleasant to some, but offensive to others.

**Also remember, that the by-law has provision for cost recovery and/or fines for violations and unnecessary fire department call outs.**

### **Call Before You Burn! 519 661-5615**

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