

**PORT FRANKS COMMUNITY POLICE COMMITTEE  
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As summer comes to an end and we begin to prepare our properties for winter, please be advised that the Municipality of Lambton Shores has a by-law in effect that regulates Open Air Burning. Included in the regulations are restrictions on the size of the burn, the type of material that can be burned and the time when burning can occur.

The part of the by-law that deals with leaf burning is basic common sense:

- No burning at night
- No fire greater than 5 feet in diameter
- Fire must be on the persons own property (not on municipal roads or sidewalks)
- Fire does not cause smoke or fire damage to any neighbouring property
- Fire is not set or maintained during windy conditions (over 15 kph)
- Fire does not contain household garbage, plastics, rubber, building materials or petroleum products or other toxic materials – LEAVES ONLY
- Fire is at least 15 meters (50 ft.) from any building
- Fire is attended at all times by a responsible person and there must be a garden hose or alternative method of extinguishing the fire on site to ensure that sparks and ash do not escape
- Fire is completely extinguished before the site is vacated.

For burns larger than the by-law allows, it may be possible to obtain a permit for an "Open Air Burn". Applications for Open Air Burn permits are available at the Lambton Shores – Forest Office, and completed applications must be submitted a minimum of 2 working days before the proposed burn date.

The area Fire Chief will inspect the site to determine if the proposed burn conforms to the requirements of the Lambton Shores Open Air Burn By-law. Burns containing prohibited burn materials, or which would violate the requirements in the by-law will not be permitted. Burning in violation of the Open Air Burn by-law will result in fire emergency response charges, and fines from the municipality and/or the Ministry of the Environment.

These regulations are for the health and safety of our residents, and our community, and we appreciate your adherence to the rules.

The next meeting of your Port Franks Community Police Committee will be held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, October 13 that 7:30 p.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

The Port Franks Community Police Committee is interested in hearing the comments and concerns of the residents and property owners of Port Franks. If you cannot attend our meetings to express these feelings, then please call us at 519-243-3795 or visit our website at <http://pfcpc.lambtonshores.com>

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