

Use caution with open-air burning

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services encourages the public to use caution when burning.

With spring here, there is an increased potential for grass fires. With grass and brush starting to dry out, it is very easy for fire to spread uncontrollably with a little wind. Unattended burning is the most common cause of grass fires. Burning carelessly and improperly discarding cigarette butts also pose hazards.

An Open Air Burn Permit must be obtained to conduct open air fires in Caledon and open fires are only permitted in approved areas. Permits are now available online at www.caledon.ca, or may be obtained in person at the Fire Administration Headquarters (6211 Old Church Rd., Caledon East) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The price of an annual permit is currently \$42. Failure to obtain an open air burn permit may result in a fine.

Materials from the lawn, yard or garden are also being collected as yard waste by the Region of Peel. Yard waste pick up information can be found at www.peelregion.ca/waste/yard-waste

For more detailed information about open air burn permits, contact Caledon Fire and Emergency Services at 905-584-2272, ext. 4303.