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# Spring Cleaning Your Yard? Check Local By-laws before Open Air Burning

**Township of Chatsworth Fire Department** is advising residents to contact them regarding any restrictions governing open air burning, before starting any fires or burning brush.

"With spring outdoor cleanup starting, we know some folks choose to burn brush and yard debris on their property," explained **Fire Chief Mike Givens**. Cleaning up debris and limiting the level of flammable vegetation surrounding your home is a good practice. But make sure the way you do it is safe – for you, your home, your neighbors, and the surrounding area.

A permit is required with specific conditions for burning as per the **Township of Chatsworth Open Air Burning By-Law #2016-07**

Open air burning can include the use of outdoor fireplaces and cooking fires not involving the use of a barbeque. Some outdoor appliances used are not recommended because there is potential for personal injury, property damage and increased risk of a grass fire.

"Whether in the backyard of your home, the cottage or at a campground, make fire safety a priority," said **Fire Chief Mike Givens**. "Open air burning, especially if left unattended, can become difficult to control and can result in a serious widespread fire."

Always keep fire safety in mind, contact the **Township of Chatsworth Fire Department** for more information or any questions you have about our open air burning requirements.

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