



# MIDLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FACT SHEET

### DON'T LIGHT THAT FIRE!

The Midland Fire Department wants to inform you that open air burning is illegal in the Town of Midland.

The Ontario Fire Code and the Town of Midland By-laws state that Open Air Burning is not permitted unless approved or unless such burning consists of a small confined fire, supervised at all times, and used to cook food on a grill or barbeque.

Open air burning includes the burning of construction materials, grass, leaves, and brush in a pit.

Fires in the following items are deemed to be open air burning and therefore are **NOT** permitted.

- Burn barrels
- Temporary or permanent outdoor barbeques (unless being used for cooking food on a grill)
- Chimeneas
- Outdoor fireplaces

#### Fines and Penalties

A contravention of the Town of Midland By-law # 2005-61 carries a fine of \$300.00.

An individual guilty of an offence for a contravention of the Ontario Fire Code is liable for a fine of not more than \$25,000 or imprisonment for a term of not more than 1 year or both. A corporation is liable for a fine of not more than \$50,000 and directors or officers of the Corporation are liable for a fine of not more than \$25,000 or imprisonment for a term of not more than 1 year or both.

Remember, when the Fire Department is required to attend an open air burning incident the crew and truck are not available to respond to a real emergency. Don't light that fire!

For further information contact the Midland Fire Department at 526-4279.