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Open Burn Ban Lifted in the City of Cambridge Permit Holders May Resume Normal, Safe Practices

Cambridge, Ontario. August 10, 2011... The Cambridge Fire Department today lifted the ban on open burning, subject to the appropriate permit being in place. The restriction was issued on July 20th due to extremely hot, dry conditions that affected safe burning conditions.

An open air burn is any fire set outside of a building including outdoor recreational fires such as open campsite fires.

"This lift of the ban doesn't simply mean that citizens can light up a fire to clear yard debris, as an example," says Cambridge Fire Chief Bill Chesney. "There is still a permit required as part of provincial fire code legislation for this type of activity."

The Ontario Fire Code stipulates a Burning Permit must be obtained within the City of Cambridge. However, if the fire is used exclusively for cooking purposes on a grill or barbecue, it is fine without a permit and only for the time required for cooking.

If you are not cooking on a grill or barbecue, you can apply for a Burning Permit which costs \$53.00 per month and includes an on-site inspection of the proposed area of the fire. The Fire Inspector will assess the area to ensure it conforms to the permit and safety requirements.

The use of Chimineas and factory-built outdoor fireplaces or fire pits is considered to be an open burn and would require a permit.

More information on the open burn permit is available online at http://www.cambridge.ca/fire_department/fire_prevention_division/open_burning

or by calling the Cambridge Fire Prevention division at (519) 621-6001.

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financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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