

The following is a working list of 23 Ontario communities (and some other communities outside Ontario) that have an outdoor burning ban in effect.

Adding London would make it a nice even two dozen, though I suspect there are more that just haven't been located yet.

Some communities, notably Waterloo, Hamilton, Toronto, Windsor, Thorold, Oshawa, Quinte-West, Clarington, Leamington etc appear to have complete bans.

Some have exceptions for so called "cooking" fires and some for large acreages.

Niagara Falls council voted recently to ban cooking fires after recognizing that they were being used by large numbers of citizens as a loophole to have an outdoor fire.

A complete ban would be a clear and unambiguous message that London's citizens have the right to breathe clean air

and that going forward, that right will trump one's right to pollute the air that others breathe.

*Ajax (article 2.4.4.4 Ontario Fire Code, food only)

*Brampton (permit, cooking fire, daylight only)

*Brantford (cooking only)

Burlington (not in urban areas, except grill cooking)

*Cambridge (except for cooking, special permit 150 meters, 30 days)

*Chatham-Kent (cooking only)

****Clarington** (permit only for 10 acres plus, outside urban)

*Guelph (except cooking, not hot dogs or marshmallows)

****Hamilton (permit only, in non-urban areas as per official plan)**

*Kingston (urban not allowed, cooking fires)

****Leamington (complete ban)**

*Niagara Falls (cooking only)

*Niagara-on-the-Lake (special permission for yard waste only min. 150')

***Oshawa (permits more than 10 acres)**

Ottawa (zones within wards not allowed) (new)

*Port Colborne ((cooking only)

* ***Quinte-West (Trenton, Frankford, rural townships excepted) (new)**

*St. Catharines (except cooking)

****Thorold** - Open air burning is a violation of the *Ontario Fire Code* and is enforced in the City of Thorold.

*****Toronto** (grill or barbecue only)

****Waterloo (complete ban including barbecue pits)**

*Whitby (permit for tree trimmings only in daylight, with distance conditions)

****Windsor (complete ban)**

*Vancouver (food),

**Duncan,

*Chilliwack (ban except two 2 month periods, for debris)

Coquitlam,

******Colwood (total ban cite environment and health of citizens),**

Port Alberni,

Nanaimo,

and a couple of other municipalities in B.C, all have complete bans.

Halifax (if clearance to any building is less than 75 feet)

Montreal (in 2009, also banned new installations of wood stoves and fireplaces)

Elmira, New York, is an example of a place that protects the health and safety of residents, by prohibiting fire pits that are wood burning.

Grand Junction, Colorado (unanimous Jan. 2017) * (ban, less than 1 acre)**

Denver, Colorado - complete ban