



DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE
BURNING PERMIT
Pursuant to Bylaw No. 1249



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Please Print

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of the Burn: \_\_\_\_\_

Immediate Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

(FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUE ONLY)

Permit Type: Recreational Fire [ ] Category #1 [ ] Category # 2 [ ] Category # 3 [ ]
(30 days max) (30 days max) (30 days max)

Permit Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT:

- 1. No burning of Prohibited material as defined in Environmental Management Act Open burning smoke control regulation.
www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\_new/document/ID/freeside/34\_145\_93
2. Do not burn if winds exceed 10 Km / H.
3. A charged garden hose and shovel must be readily available when Recreational fires take place (additional resources may be required for Category 1, 2 and 3).
4. A person 19 years or older must be present when burning takes place.
5. No burning when smoke conditions result in registered complaints from neighbors.
6. Before Ignition of Category 1, 2 and 3 Fires, contact Fire Department at 250-997-1234.
7. No burning when the Forestry Hazard is high or extreme. For updated info call Prince George Fire Centre 250-565-6124 or visit their website at: www.bcwildfire.ca
8. When burning; the distance from neighboring residences and businesses is at least 100 meters for Category 2 and 3 and 50 metres for Category 1 (with exception of Recreation Fires) and must be 3 meters from combustible materials. The distance from any school in session, hospitals and facilities used for continuing care is at least 500 meters (with exception of Recreation Fires) and must be 3 meters from combustible materials.
9. There must be a means to deliver 400 litres of water to any place on the property.
10. Contact Ministry of Environment Ventilation and Air Quality Information Hotline (1 888-281-2992 Press "7" and then Press "1" for Prince George Region which includes Mackenzie or by going www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/venting.html ).
11. Permit Holder must comply with all other Provincial and Federal Legislation, including but not limited to the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulations pursuant to the Environmental Management Act.

Signature of Permit Holder

Authorized District Employee Signature

SEE PENALTIES AND FIRE CATEGORY DEFINITIONS ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PERMIT

## **Instructions**

1. Complete the top portion of the attached Burning Permit.
2. Review the Permit Conditions, Definitions, and Penalties listed on this form.
3. Return the completed form to the District of Mackenzie Office at 1 Mackenzie Blvd.
4. If you have questions please contact the Deputy Fire Chief or Fire Chief at 250-997-4221.

## **Definitions**

Recreational Fire - means the burning of wood for recreational purposes in a permanent outdoor fireplace, barbecue or fire pit not larger than 1 m in diameter that is designed and constructed to confine the fire and is suitable for such a purpose, or within a fully enclosed burner or similar device.

Category 1 open Fire – means an open fire that burns piled material no larger than 1 m in height and 1 m in diameter and includes a campfire that burns such material.

Category 2 open Fire – Means an open fire that

- a) burns material in one pile not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width
- b) burns material concurrently in 2 piles each not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width, or
- c) burns stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 ha

Category 3 open Fire – means an open fire that burns

- a) material concurrently in 3 or more piles each not exceeding 2 m height and 3 m in width
- b) material in one or more piles each exceeding 2 m in height or 3 m in width,
- c) one or more windrows, or
- d) stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 ha

## **Penalties**

A person who contravenes this permit could receive charges from one authority having jurisdiction or a combination of jurisdictional authorities.

Non-compliance with Mackenzie's Bylaw can result in fines of up to \$1,000.00.

Non-compliance with Ministry of Environment Open Burning regulations may result in a fine up to \$200,000.00.

Non-compliance with Ministry of Forests and Range Forest Fire Prevention and Suppression Regulations may result in an offence and liable for fire fighting costs and all damages caused by fire.