



PUBLIC NOTICE

Open-Air Burning, including Grass Fires: a REMINDER

1. Open-air burning, including grass fires, is strictly prohibited in the following built-up areas: the **Village of Mattice**, the **Village of Val Côté** and **Tanguay Road, East and West**.

Note: Small supervised residential campfires, with water nearby, are allowed. Only clean wood or charcoal can be burned.

2. **A municipal burning permit is required in rural areas from April 1st to October 31st.**
3. There is no fee for acquiring a permit. Each permit will be valid for a maximum period of seven (7) days. The permit outlines the conditions under which open air burning is authorised to proceed, including, but not limited to, the time of day, the amount to be burned, the distances to be observed, the number of persons and the equipment required on site. A copy of the permit will be forwarded to the MNRF.
4. Any person who starts an open fire without a permit is liable to a fine of \$50.00.
5. Any person who starts an open fire in a prohibited area is liable to a fine of \$100.00.
6. Any person initiating open-air burning, **with or without a permit**, will be held fully responsible for any costs associated with a fire-suppression intervention by the municipal fire department or the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNRF).
7. All fires are strictly forbidden when the Ministry declares provincial restrictions to that effect.

For additional information, dial 705-364-6511 (8:30 am to 4 pm)

The above instructions are outlined in municipal By-law no. 953 pertaining to open-air burning, adopted pursuant to the Forest Fires Prevention Act and as a result of responsibilities imposed on Municipalities with respect to fire protection & prevention.