

## ONTARIO FIRE CODE (O. Reg. 213/07)

The latest edition of the Ontario Fire Code, enacted on November 21, 2007, has an amendment dealing with open air burning. Article 2.6.3.4. now reads:

### **Open-air burning**

2.6.3.4. (1) Open-air burning shall not be 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 a barbecue.

(2) Sentence (1) does not apply to an **appliance** that is in conformance with the **Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000**, is for outdoor use and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.



The exemption referred to in sentence 2.6.3.4. (2) applies to a propane fuelled or natural gas fuelled appliance that simulates a campfire or fireplace. Although these appliances have been on the market for some time now; under the previous Fire Code they were considered a form of open air burning that required the issuance of a burn permit and therefore were only permitted in the rural areas of the City.

With this new exemption, appliances that conform to Sentence 2.6.3.4. (2) of the Ontario Fire Code can legally be used in all areas of the city (rural and urban) and will **not** require the issuance of a burn permit.

Information from the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) indicates that in order for an appliance to be considered in compliance with the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000, the appliance itself must bear the stamp of an approved listing/testing agency such as ULC, CSA, Warnock-Hershey or Intertek Testing Services (ETL). This approval would be for the appliance itself as well as all associated fuel lines etc. that are supplied by the manufacturer. Any alterations made or attachments connected to the appliance that are not part of the original design or supplied by the manufacturer for a specific appliance, may be cause for the approval/listing to be null and void and use of the appliance would no longer be permitted as it would not comply with Sentence 2.6.3.4. (2) of the Ontario Fire Code.

Citizens are reminded to ensure they install and use these appliances in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

