BY-LAW NO. 142
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Outdoor fires that are NOT permitted in the Village of Chester under this By-Law:

- Fires in an outdoor wood furnace;
- Fires on any private or municipal property unless it's in an acceptable fire pit that is constructed from bricks, heavy gauge metal, stone or other materials that are non-combustible; plus, it must have a metal screen or something that will prevent sparks; and
- Fires where garbage or garden/yard waste is burned. Garden/yard waste means tree pruning, leaves, brush, weeds, grass, etc.

Outdoor fires that ARE permitted in the Village of Chester under this By-Law (and any other government regulations):

- Fires for cooking food, but they must be in a portable barbecue or something similar;
- Fires using clean, dry wood in a fire pit (description above) BUT only if
    - It is either on a fireproof pad on a deck or at least 125' from any buildings, combustible material, or property line;
    - It doesn't create a nuisance (like a lot of smoke or other emission) or a hazard;
    - A responsible adult is present the whole time until the fire is put out; and
    - Something to extinguish the fire is close by.
- One fire per day can be burned, but only under these conditions:
    - Only garden/yard waste is burned, but with no green tree stumps or roots, and a nuisance or hazard isn't created with the smoke or other emissions;
    - The fire complies with any Provincial regulations in effect;
    - A responsible adult is present the whole time until the fire is put out; and
    - Something to extinguish the fire is close by.
- Fires for training purposes for the Emergency Measures Organization or Chester Volunteer Fire Department.

Violators of this By-Law can be fined between $250 for the first offence, $1,000 for the second offence and $5,000 for the third offence.

This summary is meant to simplify the related By-Law and in NO WAY replaces the actual By-Law. In the event that the By-Law is contravened, all terms listed in the By-Law will take precedence over this Summary.