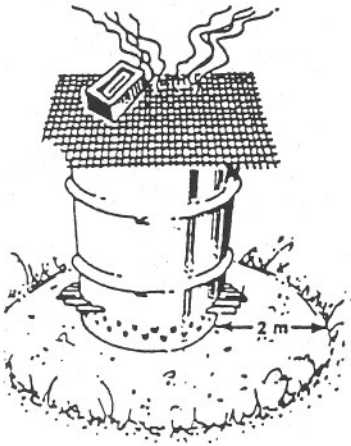


Township of Algonquin Highlands

How to Build A Safe Incinerator

If you burn forest litter or debris often, build and use a good incinerator.

1. Select a site at least five metres from the forest, trees, buildings, or piles of debris. Clear an area two metres around the incinerator down to mineral soil (sand or gravel).
2. Use a metal barrel in good condition.
3. A heavy metal mesh must be put on top of the incinerator. Mesh size must be less than five mm. Weight the screen with a rock or brick to stop it from falling off your incinerator. Without a mesh cover, a hot fire can spread burning sparks.
4. If you let air in at the bottom of the incinerator and support the material, it will burn quickly and cleanly. Punch holes about seven centimetres above the bottom of the barrel. Punch a few more holes slightly higher and insert steel rods or pipes to support the material to be burned.
5. Keep a shovel, rake and water nearby.



WHEN CAN YOU USE AN INCINERATOR ?

MNR Regulations and the Township By Law specify a Safe Incinerator can be used during the day-time (7AM to 7 PM) unless there is a fire ban in place. It is important to note the Mesh cover must be in place.

The Incinerator must be placed on a non combustible surface and must be at least **5 meters** from any forest , and at least **2 meters** from any flammable material.

Further the incinerator must be monitored by a responsible person until the fire is out.