
*Ontario's
Residential Wood
Combustion Program
2007-08*



Ontario Work 2007/08

- About 20 workshops planned in mostly rural municipalities in Ontario for municipal staff and elected officials
- Project to develop an inventory of municipal by-laws in Ontario related to wood burning activities
- Development of an OWB brochure to educate the Canadian public about the concerns and practices with these types of heaters
- Burn It Smart workshops get Continuing Education Unit (CEU) by the Registered Insurance Brokers of Ontario



Ontario work 2007/08 cont'd

- EC conducted a survey on the use of OWBs in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec
- The survey was very informative and used local fire departments as the source.
- In Ontario, the responses provided us with the following results:
 - *>60% indicated that they were aware of OWB being used in their community*
 - *>3000 OWBs in operation in Ontario, most likely more.*
 - *Typical complaints relate to the smoke and visibility to neighbors*
 - *Quite a few OWBs have been a problem in the community for 2- 6 years*



Ontario work 2007/08 cont'd

- *A lot of communities have or are planning to address the concerns through by-laws ranging from use restrictions to outright bans.*
- It is planned to expand the OWB survey nationally.
- The Burn It Smart educational DVD has been used for Change-out programs in the US
- Attended a number of public events to promote the workshops to municipal leaders to get their staff involved who can promote the Burn It Smart ideas and concepts to their constituents.



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