



Dufferin County Fire Chiefs

PROVINCIAL FIRE BAN OF NORTHERN MUNICIPALITIES DOES NOT AFFECT DUFFERIN COUNTY

For immediate release.

(April 3, 2020) –The Ontario Government and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is taking action to the risk of human-cause fires to ensure the provinces emergency response system remains strong during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Beginning Friday, April 3rd, 2020 many areas in Northern Ontario, Ontario’s entire legislated “fire region”, has been designated as a Restricted Fire Zone.

Dufferin County is not within the restricted fire zone area where the ban has been put into place, and Dufferin County Fire Chief’s will continue to allow burning within the county. As always, residents must obtain a burn permit from their Municipality or Town, and when burning exercise extreme caution and review the fire permit conditions and bylaw regulations.

Moving forward, Chief Fire Officials may impose fire ban within their respective jurisdictions at their own discretion. Some municipalities have taken this approach if they have staffing concerns and wish to reduce the risk of grass/wildland fires.

The Dufferin County Fire Chief’s want to remind residents to stay at home, maintain social distancing keeping at least 2 meters between yourself and others, keeping interactions brief, wash your hands often, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

For more information on the restrictions in Ontario’s Fire Region please see news release from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

<https://news.ontario.ca/mnr/en/2020/04/ontario-reducing-risk-of-fire-in-the-province.html>

Please continue to monitor social media sites, and municipal websites for ongoing updates if and when a burn ban is imposed.

If you have any questions, please contact your local fire service directly.

Orangeville	519-941-3083 x6521
Grand Valley	519-928-3460
Shelburne	519-925-5111
Mulmur-Melancthon	519-925-6481
Rosemont	705-435-3417
Dundalk	519-923-2402
Mono Mills	905-584-2272
Erin & Hillsburgh	519-855-4407 x243