



MUSKOKA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

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THE MUSKOKA FIRE CHIEFS REMIND US THAT MUSKOKA IS NOW UNDER A TOTAL FIRE BAN

Muskoka – April 3, 2020 - The **Muskoka Fire Chiefs** would like to remind residents that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has implemented a Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) for Muskoka due to impacts related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

At this time, we ask that residents adhere to the **TOTAL FIRE BAN** to help ensure the fire departments are able to address any emergency fire situations as well as reduce necessary contact among staff, and between staff and the public.

Below is a summary of the restrictions that are in place during the **BAN**:

- No open fires are allowed unless the fire is for cooking or warmth and is in a stove or installation prescribed in the Outdoor Fires Regulation (O.Reg. 207/96)
- Campfires are not allowed
- Portable stoves must use liquid or gas fuel and have a shutoff valve
- Outdoor wood burning stoves or furnaces must be completely enclosed with solid material and be within 100 metres of a dwelling you occupy

For more information on when a restriction is in place, please visit our website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions>

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