

West Parry Sound Area Municipalities

Township of Carling, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Seguin Township,
Township of The Archipelago, Municipality of Whitestone, and the Town of Parry Sound

MEDIA RELEASE

Restricted Fire Zone – No Burning

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The West Parry Sound Area Municipalities remind the public that there is a Provincial restricted fire zone in place for zones 1 to 36 of the Ontario Fire Region, this includes the entire Parry Sound District. All burning, including campfires for cooking and warmth, are strictly prohibited.

An individual caught burning will be given a fine ranging from \$250 - \$500 per offence and may be charged additional service fees by their Municipality. Additionally, fines and fees could be charged by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR).

The West Parry Sound fire departments have responded to more than ten out of control burns this past week, several of which required assistance from the MNR. While these fires were brought under control, they caused a loss of forestation and could have caused greater damage to buildings and possessions.

In addition to the loss of forestation, these fires caused unnecessary congregation of the first responders. A large fire has the potential to bring a significant number of responders, sometimes from various fire departments, within close contact of each other. The senseless act of having fires puts our community at a greater risk for spreading COVID-19.

If you see someone burning during the restricted fire zone, contact your local municipality directly.

For out of control or forest fires in Carling, McDougall, McKellar, Seguin, Whitestone, or Parry Sound, call 911.

For forest fires in the Township of The Archipelago, call MNR at 310-FIRE (310-3473) immediately.

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This communication has been made on behalf of the West Parry Sound Area Municipalities. Township of Carling, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Seguin Township, Township of The Archipelago, Municipality of Whitestone, and the Town of Parry Sound.

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