

All outdoor fires in Ontario restricted during the COVID-19 pandemic

The province of Ontario government is taking action to protect people and communities from the risk of preventable human-caused fires and to ensure that the province's emergency response system remains strong during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Starting April 3rd, Ontario's entire legislated fire region will be designated a Restricted Fire Zone. Residents who live in an area with a restricted fire zone cannot have an outdoor fire—this includes burning of grass, debris and campfires, even when using an outdoor fire grate, fireplace or fire pit.

Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and local MPP John Yakabuski says during this very challenging time when we are fighting the spread of the virus, our number one priority is the health and safety of the people of Ontario. He adds they're putting these important preventative measures in place now to ensure that our emergency responders are able to focus their efforts where they are needed most.

This restriction will remain in place until Ontario's ability to respond to emergencies is no longer impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Local municipalities are working to update their websites with information for residents.

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