



Fort Erie Fire Department
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Notice: Burning Ban

Due to the extremely dry conditions and a high heat alert, the Town of Fort Erie Fire Department is issuing a complete ban on all recreational and open air burning. Until such time as the hot and dry conditions cease, residents are not permitted to have back yard fires, and farmers are not allowed to conduct open air burning.

This ban has been put in place to reduce the potential for large grass/brush fires. Fire Chief Larry Coplen does not want to put firefighter's health and safety at risk in order to battle these types of preventable fires. In addition to the firefighter's health, high heat/smog levels also typically come with poor air quality. Reducing the amount of emissions we put into the environment will improve the air quality, and make things more comfortable, especially for the vulnerable population and those with medical issues.

Anyone caught burning during the ban can be charged under Municipal By-law No. 167-03, with a fine of \$100, and charges can be laid under the fire code up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 1 year in jail. In addition, the municipality has the ability to recover any cost incurred with extinguishing the fire.

Please visit the Town's website blog for more information, and to see when the ban is lifted.

Larry Coplen, CMM III
Fire Chief/CEMC