

# WAIPAROUS FIRESMART NEWS

Spring 2017

## Safe Use of Recreational Fires

**Fire is Fire and to fully enjoy your fire pit, safety should always be a top consideration.**

1. Before use, ensure you have a **VALID Certificate of Continued Use for your fire pit, outdoor fireplace or portable fire receptacle**, issued by the Summer Village of Waiparous.
2. Spring clean around your fire pit / outdoor fireplace /portable receptacle. Sweep up and haul away twigs, cones and other flammable debris that may have accumulated over the winter. Trim back any branches and shrubs that are starting to encroach within 2 metres of the fire pit / outdoor fireplace /portable receptacle (measured from inside).
3. Always have a fire extinguisher handy and make sure it is in good working condition and not close to its expiration date. Know how to use a fire extinguisher.
4. Use safety gloves when handling a hot fire pit.
5. Keep a water supply nearby when there is a fire in your fire pit/fireplace/receptacle.
6. Start your fire small and only use the recommended fire starters. NEVER use gasoline to start a fire.
7. In a wood-burning fire pit never pile on wood too high because you don't want burning pellets to spill out.
8. The fire must be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is extinguished. Never leave a fire unattended.
9. Use screens for protection from wind and to prevent sparks from flying out. Avoid using a fire pit when it is very windy.
10. Make sure to extinguish the fire COMPLETELY once you have finished using it. Use a fire extinguisher or enough water to let the hot coals or wood soak. Continue to pour water over the fire until there is no steam.

11. Cover with a lid if you have one after you have the fire out.
12. Do not store coals or wood in bags right way; use a metal ash bucket instead.

For more information on obtaining a certificate for your fire pit, outdoor fireplace or portable fire receptacle, please contact the Village Office.

*Details are available on the Village website.*

## 2017 Prescribed (Controlled) Burn

The Prescribed Burn that was originally scheduled to occur on April 26<sup>th</sup> has been deferred to Fall of 2017. The high level of moisture that was experienced in the Waiparous area during the week leading up to the burn, left the ground too wet to undertake a good burn.

Planning is in place and when conditions are favourable in the fall, the burn will proceed. Watch for more details.

**WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY**  
Saturday May 13, 2017

**TOGETHER WE ARE PREPARED**

**VILLAGE PUMP PRACTICE** – Testing, maintaining pumps, hoses, suppression equipment and refilling the cistern.  
Waiparous Community Services Facility – 2 Wildrose Place

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