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FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

FIRE SERVICE

REMINDER

The Township of Carlow/Mayo **does not have a fire department.** The

Township does, however, have an agreement in place with the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry to extinguish grass, brush, and forest fires. If you have or see a fire call 911 for the appropriate authorities to be notified.

CARBON

MONOXIDE SAFETY

Over 65 % of all carbon monoxide deaths and injuries in Ontario occur in homes.

Make sure your home is safe from carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Ensure all fuel burning appliances and vents in your home are inspected annually. Find a registered contactor at COsafety.ca
- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms regularly.
- Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are like a flu without a fever.
- It is referred to as the silent killer.

FIRE BANS

Fire Bans are done at the discretion of the Community Fire Safety Officer. When a complete fire ban is in effect it will be advertised on Moose 97.7 radio station, notices will be posted on our fire signs, as well as various local businesses throughout the township and on our website at www.carlowmayo.ca.

DURING A FIRE BAN NO OPEN-AIR BURNING IS ALLOWED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A GAS BBQ EQUIPPED WITH A GAS CONTROL VALVE THAT CAN BE SHUT OFF IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

OPEN-AIR BURNING

You can never be too safe. Sitting around a campfire is fun. Whether you are camping, hiking, berry picking, or picnicking, be safe with your campfire. If your campfire starts a wildland fire, you will be fined and held responsible for costs incurred to put the fire out. In 2021 the Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo passed a new open-air burn bylaw that regulates open air fires in the Township of Carlow/Mayo. Residents should be knowledgeable with all restrictions surrounding open air burning within the township. For more information, or for clarification, please contact the Community Fire Safety Officer at 613-332-1760 or at 613-334-6724.

SMOKE ALARMS

Most fatal fires occur at night when people are asleep. Often, victims never wake up. Working smoke alarms give you the precious time you need to escape a fire. By law, every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.

Test smoke alarms every month by pressing the test button on the alarm. When the test button is pressed, the alarm should sound. If it fails to sound, make sure that the battery is installed correctly or install a new battery. If the alarm still fails to sound, replace the smoke alarm with a new one.

Smoke alarms are available for purchase at the municipal office at a discounted rate.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING

If a fire were to occur in your home tonight, would you and your family get out safely? It is important that everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency. Develop your plan today!

1. **Draw a floor plan of your home.**
2. **Include all possible emergency exits.**
3. **Show two ways out of every room if possible.**
4. **Identify anyone who needs help to escape.**
5. **Choose a meeting place outside.**
6. **Once outside, call 911.**
7. **Practice your escape.**



FOREST FIRE PREVENTION

Each year, in Ontario, homes are damaged or destroyed by wildfire, yet nearly all these homes could have been saved if owners had followed a few simple rules. Ensure your home is wildfire safe enacting the following tips.

- Prune tree branches to a height of 1 or 2 meters.
- Store firewood well away from the house.
- Remove trees within 10 meters of the house.
- Thin trees at least 30 meters from the house.
- Remove brush and ensure your lawn is cut and kept neat and orderly.
- Ensure your 911 sign (civic address) is clearly visible for quick identification.
- Utilize only a fire smart ash pit or burn barrel.
- Ensure driveway is clear of trees to a distance of 3 or 4 meters.
- Chimneys should be installed to code and complete with spark arrestor screens.
- All soffit vents and gutters should be screened and cleaned regularly.
- Porch and balcony crawl spaces should be enclosed.
- Position propane tanks with valves pointing away from the home.
- Build with fire resistant exterior roof and walls.
- Install protective drapes and or shutters on windows to protect interior from radiant heat.

Did you know that among forest fires caused by people, an average of over 200 fires each year are located in rural areas?

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Develop a **FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN** and discuss emergency situations ahead of time to reduce fear and anxiety. In an emergency, your family may not be together, or you may be asked to evacuate your home. Thinking about what you would do in different situations and preparing a plan with every member of your family is the first step to being prepared. Be mindful of the special needs and considerations of individuals in your own household by evaluating your unique needs. This will help you be better prepared for any situation.

In the event of an emergency everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for up to three days. Know the risks in your community to help you better prepare. In this area the risks include tornadoes, power outages, forest fires, ice/sleet storms, snowstorms, severe windstorms, lightning strikes/storms, critical infrastructure failure, hazardous transportation incidents, human health, drought/low water, and flooding.

