

Wildfire Awareness – August 13, 2025

Stay Informed, Stay Alert and Comply with the No-Fire Ban!

IF YOU SEE SIGNS OF A WILDFIRE, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS

Prevent fires

- Respect the Total Fire Ban. Absolutely no open-air burning, including cooking fires, fireworks, sparklers and any other types of outdoor burning
- Keep a close eye on barbeques
- It is strictly prohibited and extremely dangerous to discard cigarettes or other smoking materials. A single ember can start a dangerous wildfire.

Short-term measures to reduce risks to your home

- Where possible, remove combustible materials within 10 meters of your home. This includes firewood piles, flammable debris (like leaves, pine needles and dead branches), propane tanks, and gas tanks.
- Have flammable debris removed from roofs and gutters (recommendation: leave this to a professional)
- WARNING: DO NOT OVEREXERT YOURSELF DURING TIMES OF EXTREME HEAT
- Inform yourself about longer-term measures to reduce risks (see resources under Next Steps). Some people are considering rooftop sprinklers and lake-fed fire pumps as wildfire risks become the new normal.

Be prepared for an emergency

- Have a clear family evacuation plan, including multiple routes and a designated meeting place. Make sure that all family members are aware of the plan.
- Remember that evacuation via the lake is a potential option if the road is closed, but boating safety also needs to be considered.
- Have a plan for what you take with you if you have advance notice of an evacuation, and you have time to prepare. This includes:
 - o Important medications
 - o Wallet with identification, cash, and credit cards
 - o Phone (with charger and possibly a power bank) and laptop
 - o First aid kit and flashlight
 - o Water bottle and snacks
 - o Spare clothes and toiletries
 - o If you have infants: a supply of formula, baby food, diapers, and wipes

- If you have pets: leash, food, water/dish, and kennel
- During times of heightened danger pack a bag and keep it easily accessible
- If time permits, before leaving your home:
 - Close exterior doors and windows
 - Turn off air conditioning (to limit smoke damage)
 - Close interior doors
 - Turn on exterior lights (to help guide firefighters)
 - Leave garden hoses connected to outside taps
- NEVER DELAY EVACUATING IF DANGER IS IMMINENT. LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!

Next steps

- Every situation is unique. Get informed. Some helpful sources of information:
- Local (DNETV) Fire Rescue Services <https://www.tayvalleytwp.ca/en/living-here/Fire-Services.aspx>
- Wildfires – Get Prepared (Gov’t of Canada): <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/wldfrs-prp-en.aspx>
- FOCA Fire Safety website: <https://foca.on.ca/fire-safety/>
- FireSmart Begins at Home Guide: <https://firesmartcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Begins-at-Home-Guide-WEB.pdf>
- 2025 CBC story: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/wildfire-evacuation-preparation-tips-1.7604747>

Stay connected

- Keep up to date with local sources of information about fire risks and evacuation orders
- During an evolving situation, LSRLPOA will do its best to post current information on the Little Silver and Rainbow Lake Community Page on Facebook
- Once you are in a safe place, please post information that would be helpful for other in our community

DISCLAIMER: The above information has been compiled by non-experts using internet searches and AI-generated content. It is intended to motivate property owners to start thinking about the risks posed by wildfires.