



Township of Georgian Bay

Are you or your family members planning to stay at your seasonal residence later into the season, or for the winter, due to COVID-19?

Township of Georgian Bay Fire and Emergency Services would like to hear from you and take a moment to discuss off-season emergency response and core service limitations.

Due to several factors including, but not limited to, private road maintenance, water access-only properties, and weather / ice conditions, Fire and Emergency Services may have difficulty responding to an emergency at your seasonal residence. The Department relies on private operators and their equipment to assist with accessing some of the remote areas within the Township during the off-season and emergency services may be delayed, limited or unavailable.

Township of Georgian Bay Fire and Emergency Services urge you to know your municipal address (911 number), have it posted visibly on your property and prepare an 72-hour Emergency Kit. Ensure you and your seasonal property is fire safe: smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home; practice safe cooking and smoking; and, ensure all your heating equipment is cleaned and serviced prior to use. Please find the link below with a fire safety checklist for your property.

Residents are also encouraged to research and create a self-rescue plan as well as finding emergency transportation options in their area.

Please find these links to resources regarding:

Fire Safety Checklist

https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/sites/default/files/content/ofm/docs/OFM_Checklist_handout_ENG_Accessible.pdf

Your Emergency Preparedness Guide

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx>

Emergency preparedness Learn about different emergencies and how to be prepared <https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-preparedness>



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Winter Fire Safety Tips <https://www.oafc.on.ca/winter-fire-safety-tips>

Emergency Preparedness Action Plan (Build Your Own based on your community) <https://beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca/myplan/Privacy.aspx>

For further information, in general or on your Township of Georgian Bay property, please contact our Fire Department at (705) 538-2765.

Thank you,

Tony Van Dam
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