



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC
South Frontenac Fire & Rescue
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



For Immediate Release

April 8th, 2021

Total Fire Ban in Effect

Effective **Friday, April 9, 2021 at 8:00 am** a **total fire ban** is in effect across the Township of South Frontenac.

This decision was made following a significant number of grass and wildland fires over the past few weeks. The warmer weather combined with dead grass, brush, and wind has resulted in a number of challenging fire suppression situations for the South Frontenac Fire & Rescue (SFFR) team.

A total burning ban **means absolutely no open air burning**, including cooking fires, brush fires, camping fires, and fireworks as defined in [By-law 2012-68](#). This ban does not apply to cooking appliances with a mechanical shutoff (such as a propane barbeque).

Any infraction of this By-law will result in financial penalties associated with the cost of emergency response and enforcement. Fees are outlined in the Township's Burning By-law No. 2012-68 and range from \$75 for a basic response and investigation of a complaint, to \$410 per vehicle plus firefighter wages for larger responses. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact SFFR at 613-376-3027 ext. 2234, or via email at firechief@southfrontenac.net.

SFFR personnel will continue to review this situation and consider changes to the ban if conditions warrant. There is no desire to have the ban in place for any longer than necessary - the goal is to protect persons, property, and to reduce excess costs to Township ratepayers.

Your cooperation will help protect our citizens and property, and is sincerely appreciated.

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