



Minden Fire Department Information

Non-Emergency Contact: Fire Hall 705-286-1202 or
Office Reception 705-286-1260 ext. 212



Fire Restrictions

From April 1st to October 31st in any year is “Fire Season.” During Fire Season there are specific guidelines and regulations that need to be followed. If you require further information on these regulations, **Fire Chief, Doug Schell, may be contacted at 705-286-1202.**

No person shall start a fire outdoors for the purpose of burning piled wood, brush, leaves or discarded wood products **unless:**

- the fire is started two (2) hours before sunset, or later and is extinguished no later than two (2) hours after sunrise, and
- a **responsible** person is available to tend the fire until it is extinguished, and
- the material burned is in a single pile that is less than two (2) metres in diameter and less than two (2) metres high, and
- the fire is at least two (2) metres from any flammable materials, and
- the person tending the fire has adequate tools and or water available to contain the fire.

A **total ban against outdoor burning** may be declared when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances warrant it. Such a ban will be advertised and posted at various locations throughout the township. It is **YOUR** responsibility to be aware of fire bans. Any persons setting an outdoor fire shall be responsible for any damage to property or injury to person, and be liable for all costs incurred by the Fire Department. Contravention of these restrictions will result in fines.

Emergency Reminders



It's the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.



Have your carbon monoxide alarm tested twice a year and replaced every **7 years.**



Have your fire alarms tested twice a year and replaced every **10 years.**



Plan and practice a home fire escape plan so everyone in the home knows exactly what to do.



911 emergency numbers should be visible and clear of all debris.



Keep your address and all emergency contact numbers near your phone.

Helpful Links

Township of Minden Hills

www.mindenhills.ca

Office of the Fire Marshall

www.ofm.gov.on.ca

Emergency Management Ontario

www.emergencymanagementontario.ca

County of Haliburton

Emergency Services

www.haliburtoncounty.ca

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I burn during the day if I use a burn barrel?

Answer: No, burning in a barrel is still considered open air burning and you still require a burn permit.

What time can I start burning during Fire Restriction season?

Answer: 7pm in the evening until 7am in the morning.

Does the Minden Fire Department have Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation?

Answer: No

How much does a Fire Permit cost?

Answer: \$50.00

What's New?

Policy#75

A NEW policy for the Provisions of Emergency Services to Properties on Private or Unassumed Roads.

Please keep in mind **EVERY SECOND COUNTS!**

Township of Minden Hills

Policy # 75

Policy for the Provisions of Emergency Services To Properties on Private or Unassumed Roads

1. Purpose/Application

The purpose of this policy is to provide information to property owners on private or unassumed roads which inform them as to the standards that private roads shall be maintained in order to receive Emergency Services to their property.

2. Definitions

2.1 Emergency Services – means services provided by Fire and Ambulance.

2.2 Private Road - means any private road, land, ramp, Unassumed Township road allowance, or other means of vehicle access to or from a building or structure and may include part of a parking lot.

2.3 Township – means the Township of Minden Hills.

3. Policy Statement

The Township established this policy in order that the property owners serviced by private roads can be aware of the standards required for these private roads, in order to receive emergency services. In the event that private roads are not maintained to the standard as established herein then the provision of emergency services may be compromised and not be possible.

4. Private Road Standards

The private road standard must meet the following:

- (a) Have a clear width of not less than 3.6 metres (12') unless it can be established by the service provider that a lesser width is satisfactory.
- (b) Have an overhead clearance of not less than 4.3 metres (14') unless it can be established by the service provider that a lesser clearance is satisfactory.
- (c) Have a turnaround facility for any dead end road portion of the private road that facilities the turning around of the equipment of the emergency service provider.
- (d) Be designed to support the expected loads imposed by firefighting and EMS apparatus and be surfaced with material designed to permit accessibility under all climate conditions.
- (e) Bridge on private roads must be engineered to withstand the weight of the aforementioned apparatus.
- (f) Private roads are to be maintained free of pot holes, snow, ice and foreign debris.
- (g) Private roads that provide access to more than one property should not be obstructed by a fence or other mechanism that may impede through traffic.