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Subject: Fire Ban Violation Fees for Fire Service Response

On July 9, 2018, the Township of Minden Hills issued a complete Fire Ban. The Fire Ban applies to all outdoor burning, including campfires, agricultural burns, fireworks, flying lanterns, brush pile burns, contained fires or any open flames. These are all considered open air burning and are prohibited during a Fire Ban.

Township of Minden Hills property owners may be subject to fees associated with Fire Service response to fires found to be caused by violations of the Fire Ban, as identified in the Fees and Charges By-law 18-62. The minimum fee for fire service response is \$459.00.

Fees may also include any and all resources required to mitigate fires found to be caused by violations of the fire ban, including but not limited to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry costs incurred by the Township.

Daytime burn permits will not be issued until further notice. Any fire permits previously issued are no longer valid.

Please be aware that any spark could cause a fire – be vigilant with discarding cigarette butts, matches and other items that can cause a spark and/or fire.

There are no exceptions for cooking or warmth unless preparing your meal on a propane barbeque.

Please check the local newspapers, radio stations the [Township of Minden Hills website link - www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) for updates, notices and current information.

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