



News Release

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### **The County of Brant issues an Open-Air Burning Ban**

**County of Brant** – The County of Brant has issued an open-air burning ban, effective Friday, March 27, 2020. This ban is to ensure that all fire service resources are available to respond to the evolving COVID-19 health emergency.

“The County of Brant Fire Fighters act as back up support to our Paramedics when 911 calls are received. If the Paramedics are delayed, Fire Fighters may be first on scene to deliver life saving measures. It is important that as the Paramedics become busier to respond to health emergencies in our community, that Fire Fighters are available. As such, we have issued an open-air burning ban in an effort to reduce the number of fire-related calls. This ban will be in place until further notice,” said Fire Chief Geoff Hayman.

The burn ban will be reviewed by April 10, 2020. Open-air burn permits that were previously issued have also been suspended until further notice.

In addition to helping to ensure Fire Fighter availability, the ban will also help limit the amount of contact Fire Firefighters have with the public which reduces their risk of infection and promotes social distancing.

Open-air burning includes brush pile burns, campfires, burn barrels, open fireplace/chimneys and other fires set in open-air. Please contact the County of Brant Fire Department regarding agricultural open-air burns at 519.442.4500.

The County’s Fire Department, Paramedics and staff thank the community for their understanding and cooperation.

For more information, contact the County of Brant Fire Department at 519.442.4500.

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