



ROSEMONT DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ONTARIO'S NEW CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1, 2026, the Ontario Fire Code has expanded its carbon monoxide (CO) alarm requirements for all residential properties.

Here's what you need to know:

Homeowners must now install CO alarms on every level of your home – not just near sleeping areas. This applies if you have a gas appliance, a wood-burning fireplace, an attached garage, or an outdoor furnace.

Landlords are legally responsible for ensuring working CO alarms are installed in every required location before tenants move in. This applies to houses, townhouses, apartments, and condos.

Tenants must test alarms monthly and report any issues to your landlord right away. Where alarms must go: Adjacent to each sleeping area and on every storey of the home, including levels without bedrooms. Multi-unit buildings have additional requirements near garages and shared mechanical rooms.

Replacing your alarm: CO alarms should be replaced every 7–10 years. Look for models marked CSA-6.19 or UL 2034 to meet Ontario safety standards.



For full details, visit ontario.ca and search "carbon monoxide alarms," or contact the Rosemont District Fire Department for local guidance. See our contact information at the back of this newsletter.



FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Captain Jessica Little

I have been a proud member of the Rosemont District Fire Department for 16 years and currently serve as Captain. Being raised on a farm right here in Rosemont means this community isn't just where I serve — it's home. I grew up alongside so many of the people we now respond for, and that makes this role incredibly meaningful to me.

My passion for first response started as a lifeguard and continued through ski patrol and working in Ambulance Dispatch. Helping people in moments of need is really all I've ever known, and each experience has shaped me into the firefighter I am today.

Now, as a mom of three, I feel even more connected to this community. I truly believe in the importance of looking out for one another. Rosemont Fire isn't just a department — it's family — and it's an honour to serve the place and people I care so deeply about.



Featured in our last spotlight, Anthony Felice has earned a spot with the Toronto Fire Service! Congrats Anthony! We look forward to having you back at Rosemont after training!

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR ROSEMONT



Sylvia Jones, MPP and Chief Mike Blacklaws

Ontario's Fire Protection Grant has doubled this year from \$10 million to \$20 million provincially, and the Rosemont District Fire Department is a direct beneficiary.

"Our firefighters face new and evolving risks, and our government is committed to giving them the tools they need to stay safe," said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon.

The grant will be used to offset the price of a Circul-Air Toro-Decon unit. This specialized system removes carcinogens from firefighting gear after a fire, directly reducing our firefighters' long-term cancer risk. The remainder of the cost will be split between the Rosemont District Fire Department and the Rosemont District Firefighters Association.

DID YOU KNOW?

KNOW BEFORE YOU BURN — RULES FOR OUR AREA

Burn rules differ depending on where you live. Check your local burn bylaws and permit requirements, or contact your local township office. All three can issue a total burn ban at any time.

- townofmono.com/forms-permits/fire-permits
- adjtos.ca/community/online-payments/burn-permits
- mulmur.ca/live/fire



WILDFIRE SEASON IS HERE

A Little Work Around Your Property Can Make a BIG Difference

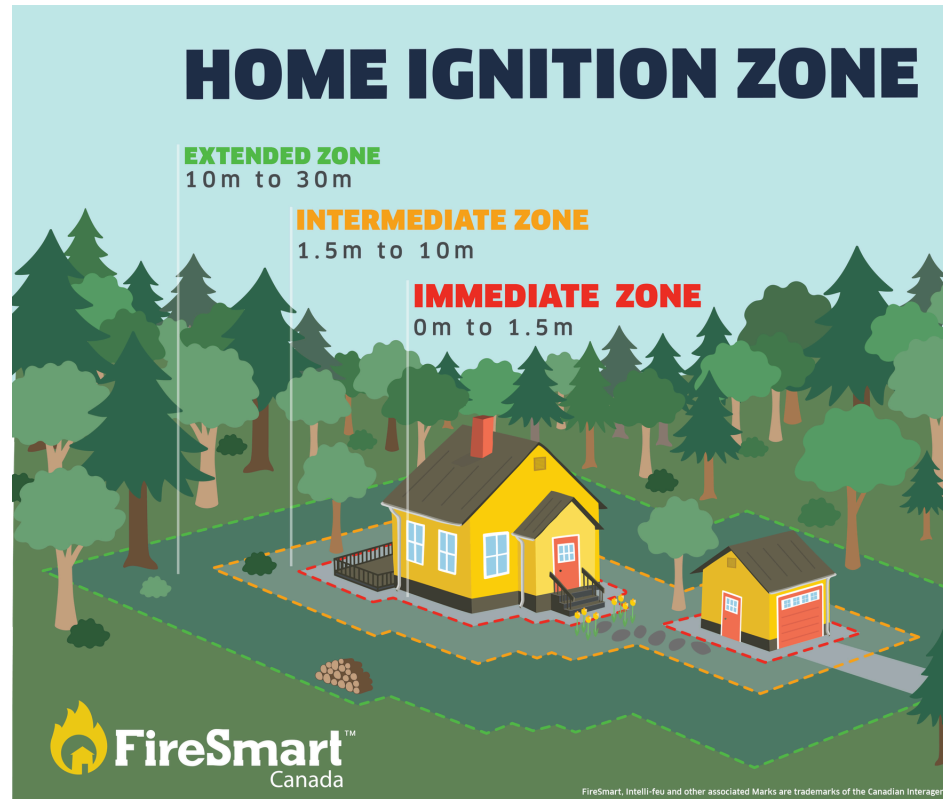
Wildfires don't always reach your door to destroy your home. Most homes are actually ignited by embers — burning debris carried by wind up to 2 kilometres ahead of a fire — that land on roofs, decks, and in gutters. The good news: Some simple yard maintenance can dramatically improve your home's chances of surviving.

Know When Fire Spreads Fastest: Wildfires are most dangerous in the early-to-mid afternoon when temperatures peak, humidity drops, and vegetation has dried out from the morning dew. Wind is the other key factor — it carries embers far ahead of the fire front and feeds flames with oxygen. Hot, dry, and windy afternoons are when fires move fastest and change direction most unpredictably. In 2023, Canada saw 14.6 million hectares burn — four times the 10-year national average.

How Fire Travels Through Your Property: Fire moves in three ways: along the ground through dry grass and debris, up into treetops through "ladder fuels" (shrubs and low branches that bridge the gap between ground and canopy), and then crown to crown through treetops. Breaking these pathways on your property is the goal.

THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO THIS SEASON

- 1** Clear within 10 metres of your home. Remove dead plants, dry grass, woodpiles touching the house, and debris from gutters and roof edges — prime spots for embers to land and ignite.
- 2** Prune trees and break the ladder. Remove branches up to 2 metres from the ground on coniferous trees, and space shrubs so fire can't travel between them.
- 3** Space your tree crowns. Keep at least 3 metres between the outermost branches of neighbouring trees to prevent crown-to-crown fire spread.



WANT THE FULL GUIDE?

Download the free FireSmart™ Begins at Home Guide.
It includes a property self-assessment.
firesmartcanada.ca or scan the QR code





THANK YOU PANCAKE SUPPER & OPEN HOUSE!



Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$1,000 for the Rosemont District Firefighters Association. Funds that go directly toward critical equipment in your community.

Shout out to Maple Grove Farms, Sheldon Creek Dairy and Arthur Needles for their huge contributions. And thank you to YOU for making it such a successful and fun evening. See you next year!



From medical response and vehicle extrication to structure fires and technical rescues, our crew trains every week to make sure we're prepared when it matters.

Your continued support helps us stay ready to serve. Every donation, big or small, goes directly toward equipment for the Rosemont District Fire Department. If you'd like to contribute, every bit truly helps. Thank you.



To Donate:

- **E-Transfer:** rdffa@rosemontfire.ca
 - **Cheque:** Payable to **Rosemont District Firefighters Association**
- Mail to: 955716 7th Line EHS, Mono ON L9V 1C8**

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Every Second Counts!



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