### FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS

Fire Department Presentation LJNA AGM



#### COTTAGE FIRE SAFETY GUIDE









**Safe Boating** 

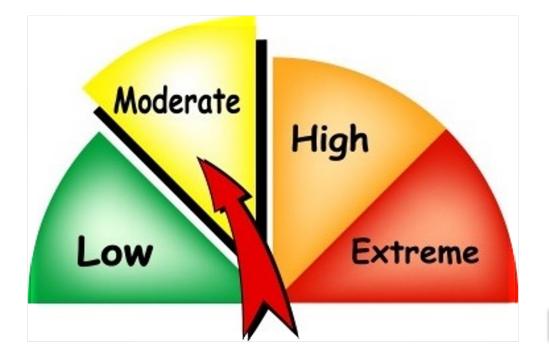




#### Cottage Opening Tips to Prevent Fires

- Check Smoke/CO Alarms to ensure proper operation.
- Clean all venting systems, duct work, and exhaust fans.
- Replace furnace filters regularly and inspected annually.
- Check outdoor exhausts to ensure clean and not plugged.
- Don't plug appliances and space heaters to power strips.
- Have chimney/wood stoves inspected and cleaned annually.

#### Fire Rating and Regulations



**LOW** – NO Open Burning allowed (unless authorized by a permit). Campfires and Fireworks are allowed.

**MODERATE** – NO Open Burning allowed (unless authorized by a permit). Campfires and Fireworks are allowed.

**HIGH** – No Open Burning allowed. Burn permits are suspended. NO Fireworks allowed. Campfires are permitted for cooking, warmth, or socializing.

**EXTREME/FIREBAN** – NO Open Burning allowed. Burn permits are suspended. NO Fireworks and Campfires allowed.

**ALWAYS CHECK THE FIRE RATING BEFORE BURNING!** 

#### **Fireworks Safety**

- Appoint a responsible person to be in charge.
- Carefully read the fireworks instructions.
- Always keep a hose or pail of water nearby.
- Discharge fireworks away from combustible materials.
- Keep onlookers a safe distance away.
- Light one firework at a time on the ground only.
- NEVER re-light dud fireworks.
- Light fireworks if wind conditions do not create a safety hazard.
- Light fireworks in a cleared area away from trees, etc.
- Keep sparklers away from small children to avoid injury.





#### Safe Boating

- Check engine and equipment.
- Have required safety gear on board.
- Beware of weather/water conditions.
- Wear your lifejacket.
- Never overload the boat.
- Give smaller crafts space and respect
- Be considerate of others.
- Use navigation lights if boating at nig

# Closing Cottage for the Season Tips

- Check Smoke/CO Alarms to ensure proper operation.
- Identify who is your cottage property "keyholder" for alarms, thefts, etc.
- Unplug unnecessary major appliances, and/or electrical devices.
- For seasonal cottages, turn off water supplies, and drain-pipes to prevent freezing and bursting.
- Secure all windows and doors.
- Make sure your 911# is visible.
- Safely store your barbecue and propane tank.
- Mark your dock with flags so it's visible during the winter months.
- If a bubbler is used to prevent ice, please ensure to identify area with signage.





#### Message from the Fire Chief, Sean Carroll

Seguin Fire Services mission is to provide quality Fire Prevention Activities and Emergency Response to our community; I take this mission statement seriously!

Since being with Seguin Fire Department, we have made many positive and progressive changes, such as we've ramped up firefighter training, and the purchasing of new firefighting equipment, to help streamline emergency response to our community.

A big part of keeping our community safe also starts with prevention, with that in mind we have increased public education to assist with public safety. We educate through public events, schools, social media, etc. We are always available to provide advice and guidance on any fire safety or emergency preparedness questions or concerns you may have.

Practicing fire safety, having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, planning your escape, ensuring your home, business or workplace comply with Fire and Building codes, while also practicing safe boating, you are all doing your part.

Together we can keep our community safe!

Thank you, Chief Carroll



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