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Municipality of Pontiac

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What you should know :

- Given the weather conditions that have changed, the total ban on fires, issued by the Municipality on May 21, 2020, is now **LIFTED**.
- All OPEN FIRES in or near the forest however remain **FORBIDDEN** in the Municipality, due to a government directive issued within the framework of the pandemic by the Society for the Protection of Forests Against Fire (SOPFEU).
 - www.sopfeu.qc.ca/en/restrictions/covid-19-modification-a-linterdiction-de-faire-des-feux-a-ciel-ouvert-en-foret-ou-a-proximite/
- The Municipality invites you to respect the municipal bylaw 01-04 as well as the standardized bylaw 18-RM-05 in effect.
- Which means that burning permits are not being issued and that fires made in an installation equipped with a fire screen are authorized, as set out in section 10.9 of bylaw 18-RM-05.
 - www.municipalitepontiac.com/files/1715/8997/7509/18-RM-05 - Fire_safety.pdf

10.9 Provincial ban

No burning permit is granted and the permits previously issued are automatically suspended, when the flammability index is «high» according to the SOPFEU or when the winds exceed fifteen (15) km/h;

Only fires made in an installation equipped with a fire screen are authorized when the flammability index is «very high» and no fire can be lit when the flammability index is “extreme” according to SOPFEU or when open fires are banned by government authorities (provincial or federal).

- This directive aims to preserve the operational capacity of the SOPFEU and that of municipal fire departments during the pandemic, by limiting the spread of the virus when firefighters respond to emergencies.
- The Municipality will inform you of any other changes.

Where to inquire :

- If you are worried about the COVID-19: 1 877 644-4545;
- For any **help service** (food, seniors, volunteer work, domestic violence, etc.) consult www.mrcdescollinesdeloutaouais.qc.ca;
- To **report any non-urgent situation to the Police department** (denunciations, information, questions): 819-459-2422, ext. 3277 email: infocovid19@mrcdescollines.com;
- To **report any serious situation to the Police department** that requires an intervention: 819-459-9911 or 1-888-459-9911;
- Governmental guidelines :
 - Quebec government: www.quebec.ca;
 - Government of Canada: www.canada.ca;
- Municipality of Pontiac's Website: www.municipalitepontiac.com;
- Municipality of Pontiac's Facebook account: www.facebook.com/pontiacmun.