



Notice from the fire department

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To all ratepayers,

Did you know that the municipal by-law no. 01-04 prohibits anyone from making open fires on the territory of the Municipality of Pontiac without obtaining written authorization from the fire department beforehand? However, fires are permitted without a permit, in exterior fireplaces, barbecues or any installation that is equipped with a chimney or a fire screen provided that it is under constant supervision.

It is not necessary to obtain authorization from the fire department **for a campfire** as long as it is done in a secure area, that it is under constant supervision of an adult, in a sober state, that the flames do not get any higher than 48 in., that the total area does not exceed 48 in. X 48 in. and that some type of extinguisher is readily available at the campfire.

No fire will be allowed when there is any indication of an [Extreme] risk for forest fires, even if a permit was issued by the fire department. Other dispositions are to be respected. Sanctions vary from \$150.00 to \$3,000.00.

We kindly ask anyone who wants to make a fire, to enquire about the regulations and pick up a kit on the municipal by-law beforehand. Please foresee a delay of 72 working hours for a permit to be issued.

Spring is a good time to verify the batteries in your smoke detectors