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BY EMAIL

Subject: Fire prevention tips

Dear Sir/Madam,

The municipality of Lac-Tremblant-Nord, in collaboration with the Mont-Tremblant fire department, has always tried to find opportunities to improve fire prevention for owners of homes only accessible by waterways.

This process being constantly evolving, here are certain fire safety recommendations you may find useful.

Home security :

- Make sure that your address is clearly visible to a boat approaching your home from the lake (e.g., a large reflective number, no branches or obstructions blocking the address). Please verify the next time you're out on the lake.
- Carry at least two 5-pound ABC-type portable extinguishers. **A portable extinguisher is the best way to control or even extinguish an incipient fire.** Locate your extinguishers strategically and place them within easy reach.

Solid fuel heating :

- We recommend that you have your fireplace or solid-burning appliance swept at least once a year by an APC-certified chimney sweeper (please check the *Association des professionnels du chauffage* [website](#) for references).
- Only burn dry wood in your solid-burning appliance. We are referring here to your wood-burning stove and/or fireplace. This will prevent creosote build-up in your chimney.





Using propane at home :

- If propane gas cylinders supply appliances in your home, such as your stove, fireplace or BBQ, it's a good idea to do an occasional leak test by putting soapy water on the fittings. For your information, if no soap bubbles form, there is no leak. If bubbles appear, or if you smell rotten eggs (mercaptan), you need to tighten your fittings. However, if the problem persists, call your propane supplier.
- Be sure to install a propane detector inside your home.

Smoke detectors :

- Make sure you have at least one working smoke detector per floor in your home. If you have solid-burning or gas appliances, opt for combined smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors at least twice a year, during daylight saving time.
- When you're away from your home for a long period of time, either after winter or following a vacation, test your battery-operated smoke detectors. However, if your smoke detectors are connected to a central alarm station, be sure to contact your central alarm station to inform them of the situation. When the alarm is triggered, the control centre will know that it's a test carried out by the resident, and that there's no need to deploy an emergency team. This will avoid unnecessary travel for unfounded calls.

Open-air fires :

- For an open-air fire or bonfire, make sure you have a means of extinguishing your fire at all times.
- Build your bonfire in a fireplace designed for this purpose or in an area surrounded by non-combustible materials and at least three (3) metres from any building, vegetation or combustible material.
- Your bonfire must not exceed one (1) cubic metre.
- Always extinguish your bonfire when you leave at the end.





Advice :

- When an event occurs, always call 9-1-1 before taking any action. This will ensure support from the fire department as quickly as possible or a preventive check-up if the situation deteriorates.
- The next time you're at the Lake Tremblant and Lake Bibite marinas, locate the cardiac defibrillator (AED) in order not to have to search for it if needed. The AED is available to everyone and is very easy to use.
- If a chimney fire breaks out, use water to extinguish the logs, then use your ABC dry chemical extinguisher (from the fuel-burning appliance) in the chimney to extinguish or slow down the chimney fire until the fire department arrives and can carry out checks or final extinguishing.

Here's a tip: a spray bottle with water or a water-based fire extinguisher can be a good way of extinguishing logs without causing too much damage.

- When you place a call to 9-1-1, it's important to mention which shore of the lake your home is on, or if it's on an island.
- Before the ice arrives on the lake, we recommend that you contact your municipality if you decide to stay at your home for this time of year or for the winter season. A list is then completed and sent to the fire department.
- If you have a portable ladder available at your home, mention it when you make an emergency call to 9-1-1. It could be useful for a roof check in the event of a chimney fire, for example.
- If a fire starts inside your home, use a portable ABC extinguisher. Always make sure you're between the fire and an exit, so you can evacuate safely if the fire gets out of control.
- Following the use of a portable extinguisher on an incipient fire, close the door to the room where the fire occurred, and all other doors and windows in the home, if possible. This will help contain the fire and slow its spread.
- **WARNING: never put yourself in danger and call 9-1-1 as soon as possible in an emergency situation.**





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We hope that these recommendations and advice will be of benefit to you. Please accept, Sir or Madam, our warmest regards.

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