

FIRE PERMIT GUIDELINES, CONT'D

6.The permit holder assumes full responsibility for all damages of every nature and kind which may arise as a result of the fire set by the permit holder and irrevocably agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Township from any claims made against the Township in consequence of damages arising from the fire set by the permit holder.

7.The Township may cancel or suspend the fire permit at any time and immediately upon receiving notice of such cancellation or suspension the permit holder shall extinguish any fire started under the permit.

8.Any costs and expenses incurred by the Township or any Provincial Authority in controlling or extinguishing the fires set by the permit holder shall be paid by the permit holder

9. Every person who fails to comply with the terms of this permit is guilty of an offence under the Forest Fire Prevention Act, and/or the Ontario Fire Code and upon conviction is liable to a fine or to imprisonment as provided in the said legislation.

Ontario Fire Code guidelines: The Ontario Fire Code states: 2.6.3.4 –Open air burning shall not be permitted unless approved, or unless such burning consists of a small, confined fire, supervised at all times, and used to cook food on a grill or barbecue.

Use of an incinerator – You can burn brush, leaves or wood by-products in an incinerator, provided you meet all of the following conditions:

from any flammable materials and have a shovel, rake and adequate water to contain the fire at the fire site

Stay with your fire – Ensure a responsible person tends the fire and never leave it unattended.

Keep it under control at all times and make sure that is completely extinguished before leaving it

Remember! – If your burn gets away and becomes a wildfire, you will be liable for the suppression costs and damages to property including the value of lost timber.

Information on Building a Safe Campfire is available on the Township Website.

REMINDER: TO CHECK BATTERIES FOR SMOKE ALARMS AND CO ALARMS. IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN ... CHECK YOUR BATTERIES AND BE REMINDED THESE TWO ALARMS ARE MANDATORY IN ONTARIO AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY RESIDENCES. IF YOU SLEEP THERE, YOU MUST HAVE WORKING ALARMS IN PLACE.

- 1. All incinerators must be inspected before use.
- 2.The incinerator is an enclosed device constructed of entirely non-combustible material.*
- 3.The incinerator is covered by a non-combustible screen having a mesh size of not more than 5 millimeters.
- 4.The incinerator must be at least 5 meters away from any forest of woodland.
- 5.The incinerator must be at least 2 meters away from any flammable material.
- 6.A responsible person must monitor the fire until it is extinguished.

*Contact Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department at (705) 782-6802 for inspection and an approval certificate.

Safety when burning grass and debris
Ensure that you have a valid burn permit
Choose a safe time – Ignite the fire no sooner than 2 hours before sunset and extinguish it no later than 2 hours after sunrise;
Never burn on a dry, windy day
Keep your fire small - Burn only a single pile at one time and ensure the pile is less than 2meters in diameter and less than 2 meters high
Choose a safe site – Keep the fire at least 2 meters



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Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Township of Johnson

COVID-19 AND JOHNSON TOWNSHIP

Johnson Township Office: The office remains closed until the Algoma Region is designated a Green Zone. Office staff are monitoring phones and emails. Please leave messages at 705-782-6601 and we will direct it to the appropriate department. Tax and utility payments can be made by e-transfer, online through you financial institution, or by using the drop box at the front door.

Algoma Public Health Information
(algomapublichealth.com)

Vaccination Clinics—there are currently no vaccination clinics available in the Desbarats area, but clinics are available in Richards Landing, Bruce Mines, Thessalon and Sault Ste. Marie.

Vaccinations are available by booking only—numbers to call are available on the Algoma Public Health website. The website also provides information on what to expect and what to bring to your vaccination appointment.

At this time, only the following groups are eligible for vaccination:

- **Adults 75+ and older** (born in 1946 or earlier)
- **Indigenous adults (18+ and household members)** (First Nations, Metis, Inuit)
- **Staff and essential caregivers in long-term care, retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors** (e.g. assisted living)
- **Healthcare workers** as identified in the [Ministry of Health's Guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization](#)
- **Faith leaders** who provide: end of life care; care of the deceased; funerals, bathing, or other ceremony with direct contact with deceased persons; Home visits to unwell persons; Pastoral care in hospitals/long-term care homes/retirement homes or other vulnerable settings.
- **Adult recipients of chronic home care**

PAYMENTS - When mailing or dropping off any payment to the Township office, **it is important to provide your Water/Sewer Account # or your Property Tax Roll #**, as the case may be, to ensure that your payment is applied to the appropriate account. Also, a reminder that payments can be deposited in the mail slot at the front door of the Township Office. Staff is in the office daily to process payments.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT - is scheduled to open for the season Tuesday, April 6. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 8:30am to 4:30pm, it is located at [402 Fifth Line East](#), Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6J8. Johnson Township Residents should inform Depot staff that they are from Johnson so the township gets credited for the materials being recycled. Links to the HHWD website are on the Township website under Waste.



Half-loading is now in effect on all Township roads - Limit 5 tons/axle
The Public Works Department can be contacted at 705-782-6601 ext. 206

Township Office
Is currently closed and will remain so until the region becomes a Green Zone.

FIRE PERMITS
Are now **free** and can be filled out online and approved through the township website. Call the office if you need assistance.

SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS BEGIN APRIL 1
Wednesdays -
NOON to 7PM
Saturdays -
9AM to 5PM
Note: Share Shed remains closed until Algoma becomes a Covid Green Zone

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JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

BASEBALL AND SOCCER PROGRAMS

Johnson Township 2021 Summer Recreation Program is now open for registrations



Registration is now available on-line for Slo-Pitch and Soccer on the Township website, either under News or in Forms. Please fill out a form for each child participant from your household (click on the "submit another form" to complete for each additional child). The form is relevant for residents of Johnson, Tarbutt, and Plummer Add'l.

At this time and due to the pandemic, Area Recreation coordinators have decided to organize these programs as Skills and Fundamental Programs for residents of

THEIR respective communities, with possible games if public health regulations allow. No fees will be expected upon registration due to uncertainty about whether we will be able to implement these programs. You will receive a group email for your child's team once we have confirmed numbers and coaches. Any fees will be requested at that time. – the Township will be able to accept payment through an etransfer at payments@johnsontownship.ca.

If you cannot open the form or would like a downloadable and printable form or to pick one up at the office, please contact us at people@johnsontownship.ca (Subject: Summer Program) or call the Recreation office at 705 782 6601, extension 205.

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: APRIL 09, 2021

Township of Johnson

Now Accepting Resumes for Summer Employment Opportunities*

(*Pending Government Funding)

Positions in Recreation for youth from 15 to 29 years of age. Applicants must:

- Have some experience and basic skills in: grass cutting, painting, basic maintenance, sports & recreation, event management, Word/Excel/desktop publishing; working with children may be an asset. G Drivers License an asset.
- Have excellent social, communication and organizational skills
- Be self-motivated and a team player
- Be able to work flexible hours during community activities
- Be able to operate grass cutting machinery; training will be provided.

Positions in Public Works for youth from 18 to 29 years of age. Successful applicants:

- will work with and assist the public works department in construction and maintenance projects on roads, bridges, municipal facilities and for recreational

and community events;

- will assist the Roads Crew with flagging operations, small construction and maintenance projects, small equipment operation and maintenance, painting, cleaning, grass cutting and facility cleaning and maintenance. Training will be provided; and
- **must have Ontario G-level Driver's License** Applicant should indicate the positions in which they are interested. Only those candidates accepted for interviews will be contacted.

Note: The Township of Johnson operates in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials, including those on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting. These directives may affect the duties and responsibilities of the youth employee.

Resumes will be accepted by email, mail or drop-off until **Thursday, April 08, 2021, 4:30PM**, at

Township of Johnson
Summer Job Opportunities
1 Johnson Dr., PO Box 160
Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0

Email: people@johnsontownship.ca

FOR RECREATION INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO SHARE
CALL PAT @ 705 782 6601 X-205 OR EMAIL pogorman@johnsontownship.ca

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Please note that this newsletter does not include all proceedings of the council meetings. For more detailed information, please request copies of the minutes at the Township Office or go to the Meetings page of the website.

March 17 Council Meeting was cancelled.

The Fire Department has received \$4700.00 from the Ontario Fire Marshall's office to support increased training opportunities and the establishment of a virtual inspection program.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 5:30pm, Virtual Meeting, Zoom link provided on township website

PUBLIC WORKS AND ROADS

Public Works has been busy getting equipment prepared for summer use. As usual at this time of year, the roads can be rough after all the frost heaving as well as heavy usage while the roads are wet and the frost is not out of them. Grading will occur once the frost comes out of the roads. We ask the public's patience during this transition period. Brushing is ongoing at this time.

Please watch for Construction on Government Rd.

As soon as they are able, Public Works will be starting the 2021 Roads Work Plan. You can check out the Plan on the website—look under Roads and click on [View the 2021 Public Works Department Roads Plan](#), then scroll through the table to see what projects have been started, are ongoing, or are completed.

The PW will be starting to work on the 1.7 km stretch of Government Rd., East from Lake Huron Dr., as soon as weather conditions allow. This project will include ripping the existing hard surface, ditching, culvert replacement, and preparing for hard surfacing in 2022. PLEASE watch out for work crews, reduce your speed, and follow all signs and flagman directions.

Public Works implemented several cost saving measures this past year, including using less expensive untreated sand with treated sand for road treatment, purchasing culverts for 2021 projects in 2020 at 25% lower cost, and taking on equipment maintenance in-house rather than contracted out. Savings for this year alone should be around \$30K. Details available on the township website under Roads.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND TIPS

Fire Permits

While Fire Permits are now free there are responsibilities that each permit holder has when having a fire. (NOTE—**there is no daytime burning allowed in the Township of Johnson.**)

Fire Permit Guidelines & Conditions

Please note that fire permits are subject to changes due to fire bans. For bans throughout the season, please visit

<https://johnsontownship.ca>

1.The permit holder shall keep the permit at the site of the burning operation conducted under this permit and shall show the permit upon request to any person

in proper authority.

2.The permit holder shall have at the location of the fire sufficient persons and firefighting equipment to control the fires and assumes full responsibility for determining the sufficiency of persons and equipment.

3.The permit holder shall keep the fire at least 15 meters from any structure and 5meters from any combustible material (trees, grass, woodpiles, etc.)

4.The permit holder shall not leave the site of the fire until the fire has been completely extinguished.

5.The permit holder shall be responsible to determine if restricted fire zone conditions are in effect.

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