



The Old Farmer's Almanac released its summer weather predictions for summer in Ontario ... it's looking hot. Really hot. I believe they used the word 'scorcher'. Yikes. They're also predicting a lot of rain. The map for most of Ontario just reads "Hot, Rainy". The only ones likely looking forward to this weather update are the mosquitoes.

After our first Canadian winter in a long time, like many of you, I'm looking forward to getting back into nature as soon as possible. Whether it be camping or weekends at the cottage, there will be campfires and cookouts to enjoy after the boat rides and fishing (whether we catch anything or not is somewhat irrelevant). Then we will enjoy some stargazing and may use our favourite app to view the sky and see what constellations we can pick out.

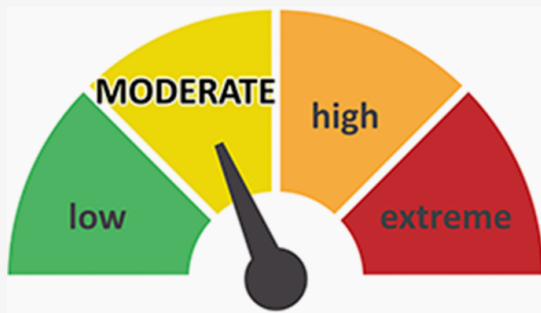
Many of our customers are starting to open their cottages, and it is with this in mind that I'd like to remind all the cottage-goers to please take some time (in between dock lounging and taking the kids tubing), to ensure your cottage is safe and secure with some basic safety maintenance.

- Start with the exterior of your cottage, bunkie, and/or garages. Look for downed power lines, fallen trees, damage to the roof, the chimney's structure (which you'll want to clean as well), and windows and doors that require repair. Check the eaves for an accumulation of leaves, which, although soaking wet now, could potentially become a dry, combustible material.
- Clean the BBQ to help prevent flare-ups (and then get some burgers on there asap!)
- Inside the cottage, check electrical wires for corrosion or frayed/damaged wiring, especially if there is evidence of rodents who may have moved in during the winter months!
- Change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors that are not connected to your security system, and make sure your fire extinguishers are properly charged and in good working condition.

Lastly, while we all love a campfire, please remember to review the fire danger ratings in your municipality to make sure that it's safe to do so. Changing weather conditions can heighten fire risks, and staying informed ensures you take the necessary precautions to protect your property and the surrounding environment.

Wishing you all a wonderful upcoming cottage season. Don't forget to pack extra bug repellent this year for those tiny, uninvited cottage guests, who rarely take the hint to leave.

~ David Clark, President



The Ministry of Natural Resources and the fire chiefs of the six area municipalities in Muskoka would like to remind everyone that the 2025 fire season for Muskoka runs yearly from April 1 to October 31. The fire danger rating (low, moderate, high or extreme) is verified daily and updated when a rating change occurs.

"The Muskoka Fire Danger Rating is determined using the Fire Weather Index (FWI), an internationally used method for determining the risk of fires in open air. It uses factors such as the relative humidity, temperature, previous 24-hour rain amount, wind directions and wind speed in combination with the forest fuel type and loads to determine the risk of the forest to certain fire types. From this calculation, the Forest Fire Danger Rating is made in consultation with the Fire Chiefs of the six area municipalities and the Ministry of Natural Resources."

Fire Danger Ratings

Low - between April 1 and October 31st, no daytime burning is allowed without a permit.

Fire shall only between 7:00pm and 7:00am the following morning.

Fire must be under constant supervision and control from time of lighting until it is totally extinguished. Only clean wood and yard waste may be burned. Fires may start easily and spread quickly but there will be minimal involvement of deeper fuel layers or larger fuels.

Moderate - between April 1 and October 31st, no daytime burning is allowed without a permit.

Fire shall only between 7:00pm and 7:00am the following morning.

Fire must be under constant supervision and control from time of lighting until it is totally extinguished. Contractors must obtain a valid permit, from the Township Office. Permits are required between April 1 and October 31. Forest fuels are drying and there is an increased risk of surface fires starting. Carry out any forest activities with caution.

High - between April 1 and October 31st, no daytime burning is allowed without a permit.

No fireworks are permitted.

Extreme caution must be taken with all open flames.

Forest fuels are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Extreme caution must be used in any forest activities.

Extreme - total fire ban - no open burning, fireworks or campfires are permitted.

No open burning. No fireworks. Burn permits are suspended. Campfires are not allowed.

Extremely dry forest fuels. The fire risk is very serious. New fires will start easily, spread rapidly, and challenge fire suppression.



The Township of Muskoka Lakes has burn permits available online:

<https://tml.burnpermits.com/>

For the up-to-date fire rating, please visit your municipality's website or call: 1-877-847-1577

Bracebridge – [click here](#).
Township of Georgian Bay – [click here](#).
Gravenhurst – [click here](#).
Huntsville – [click here](#).
Lake of Bays – [click here](#).
Township of Muskoka Lakes – [click here](#).

PROUD TO SPONSOR THE CLH FOUNDATION'S RED CARPET CONCERT EVENT!



It was another successful fundraising event for our friends at the [CLH Foundation](#). The CLH Foundation raises funds to enhance the lives of individuals supported by CLH Developmental Support Services (CLH DSS), ensuring access to essential care, enriching programs, and opportunities that foster connection, community, and engagement.

"I am so happy to be able to share with you that with your sponsorship support and leadership, this year's Red Carpet Concert has exceeded even our most optimistic expectations, raising, as of today, more than \$138,000 for "The Means to Thrive", a campaign to ensure that every CLH-supported individual has what they need to be healthy, well, engaged, and connected to their community. You are critical to our success: you give us confidence to plan, dream and deliver – and for this we are truly grateful. Thank you!" ~Sue-Ellen Boyers, CFRE, Director, Revenue Development.

Congratulations to you, Sue-Ellen, and the entire CLH Foundation event team, sponsors and supporters for raising such a tremendous amount of funds, and for hosting a fantastic community event!

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We were thrilled to participate in the Midland Today Spring Match program: *Sheltering our Communities* in support of [La Maison Redwood](#), an emergency shelter in Midland that provides support to abused and unhoused women and their children. We have been long-time supporters of [Huronian Transition Homes](#), program directors of La Maison Redwood shelter, and the good work that they do in our community. To be able to support this program through this community collaboration effort was an opportunity we couldn't pass up. [Read the full article in MidlandToday!](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: ALARM TECHNICIAN, AV TECHNICIAN, CFAA FIRE SAFETY TECHNICIAN

Some of our best leads have come from our customers, so we are reaching out again to ask for your help finding some new members to join the Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc. team!

Alarm Technicians: we have availability in Utterson (our Muskoka location) and Collingwood. We are specifically looking for individuals who have been certified through the Canadian Security Association's (CANASA) Alarm Technician Course (ATC). The Alarm Technician will be responsible for the installation and pre-wiring of structured

cabling, audio video cabling, and related equipment for security alarm card access systems, fire alarm devices, CCTV and IP camera systems, structured cabling termination, and audio component installations. The Alarm Technician will be responsible for providing instructions to clients/users in operational procedures and maintenance of equipment and will, at times, and as directed, meet with builders, contractors, trades people and owners to discuss progress or challenges.

Audio Video Technician: as an Audio Video Technician at Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc., you'll be based in our Collingwood office and travel to customer locations in Grey County, Simcoe County, and Muskoka & Parry Sound. You'll work closely with our Audio Video and Alarm Security teams, taking on responsibilities such as the installation of audio video wiring and related infrastructure and hardware, installation of audio video equipment including home theatre systems and networks, providing on-site customer support, and troubleshooting audio video related issues. We're looking for someone with 3 to 5 years of related experience, and we're committed to supporting your professional development.

CFAA Fire Safety Technician: working out of our Utterson (Muskoka) office, you'll be responsible for installing, repairing, servicing, inspecting alarm systems, fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, and sprinkler systems. You will work closely with other Fire Safety Technicians, Schedulers, and the Fire Safety Manager. Some of the requirements include: Canada Fire Alarm Association (CFAA) Technician License, 3 to 5 years related fire alarm experience in Ontario, knowledge of fire alarm systems and troubleshooting experience, including OBC and OFC Codes and Standards. Kitchen suppression certification is an asset. Good communication skills and computer skills. Ability to work on-call on a rotating basis.

We offer a competitive hourly rate (based on related work experience), extended health and dental benefits, RRSP contribution, company vehicle, continuous training and development, uniforms, safety equipment/tools, on-call/overtime pay and the opportunity to work with a great group of people!

If you're interested in this exciting opportunity, we'd love to hear from you. Simply send an email to hr@huroniaalarms.com or contact our Human Resources department at 705-445-4444 ext. 1113. We look forward to receiving your application!

We offer an incentive for leads that create viable employment opportunities for our company: three months of free monitoring for the lead, 12 months of free monitoring if we employ the lead through their probationary period, and an additional 24 months of free monitoring should the lead remain employed after one year of continuous service.



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