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Kawartha Lakes – Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service will be imposing a burn ban as of Sunday April 1, 2018. As in the past, the burn ban will be in place for the entire month of April. Residents will be notified when the ban is lifted.

“Grass fires can place our residents and firefighters in unnecessary danger. Implementing the burn ban in April each year helps to reduce the risks and unnecessary costs associated with these types of fires,” said Fire Chief Mark Pankhurst. “We would like to thank all residents for their cooperation while the burn ban is in effect.”

The burn ban does not necessarily apply to those with Agricultural or Special Burn Permits as special conditions already apply to these permits. However, safe and common sense practices should be followed at all times when burning.

“Although the ground may appear saturated or still have snow cover in some areas of the municipality, dry grass and debris catch fire easily and flames can spread quickly. Typically by the end of April, things have greened up and the risk of grass fires is dramatically reduced,” continued Chief Pankhurst.

Under section 8.03 of By-law 2016-110, those having a fire during a burn ban can be charged under the Provincial Offences Act and will also be responsible for the costs incurred by fire control.

The City of Kawartha Lakes would also like to thank all residents for their cooperation and assistance during this time.

Quick facts/tips about grass fires:

- Grass fires can start anywhere and are extremely dangerous
- Within hours of snow melting, dead grass becomes flammable
- Grass fires burn hot, fast and can spread quickly, even over patches of snow
- Grass is a fine fuel and burns faster than bush or forests
- Do not throw cigarette or cigar butts on the ground or out a vehicle, dispose of them properly
- If you witness a grass fire, please report it right away

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