COVID-19: Open Air Burning Ban lifts effective Friday

The London Fire Department will be lifting the ban on open air burning, effective Friday, May 8. The ban was put in place originally as part of the response to COVID-19.

“The ban was a safety measure for our employees and for citizens during this time of uncertainty,” said Fire Chief Lori Hamer. “We now have measures in place to help keep our employees and citizens as safe as possible when crews or staff are responding to emergency and non-emergency calls. We ask that everyone follows the by-law for their safety, as well as the health and safety of their neighbours when planning an open air burn.”

Londoners wishing to have an open air fire are encouraged to follow all of the existing health precautions in place to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes physical distancing and limiting gathers to no more than 5 people, unless there are more than that within a household. Any open air burn should be in accordance with the City of London’s Open Air Burning By-law. A breakdown of this by-law can be found at London.ca/fire.

Residents who wish to report an open air burn that is not in compliance with the by-law or a nuisance complaint, should call our non-emergency number at 519-661-5615. Residents with questions about this update should contact London Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division at 519-661-4565 or email fireforms@london.ca.