

CHIMNEYS

There have been several chimney fires recently in the municipality. These fires can, and often do, spread to other areas of the residential structure and can result in total destruction of the building and its contents. It is imperative to the safety of the household that all wood-burning appliances be installed and maintained in accordance with all applicable Codes and Standards. The Ontario Fire Code requires homeowners to ensure their appliances and chimneys are maintained in a safe operating condition through periodic inspections and maintenance.

Chimneys should be cleaned by a WETT (Wood Energy Technical Training) Certified chimneysweep on at least an annual basis, and more frequently if the appliance is used as a primary heat source. For specific information pertaining to wood heat safety, please contact **Fire and Emergency Services at (705) 322-1161**