

Some helpful hints for outdoor fire safety

Fire outdoors can be dangerous. Barbecuing, camping, and boating trigger thoughts of recreational fun that good weather and leisure time bring. But any one of these good times can become a fiery catastrophe. Take outdoor cooking. Flammable liquids should not be used to light charcoal or wood fires. Flammable liquids, even charcoal lighter fluid can cause explosions, serious burns and even death when improperly used near heat or flame. Boy Scouts don't use flammable liquids to start camp fires. Be a good Scout, don't use flammable liquids.

For outdoor safety, flammable liquids rank well behind other charcoal starters. Safest of all is charcoal lighter in cake form and labelled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada.

Using gasoline to start a fire is asking for explosive trouble. Trying to get more pep into a charcoal fire by dumping any flammable liquid onto hot coals is asking the fire to reach right out and burn you. If a slow fire needs help, tuck dry kindling underneath it.

Camping in the backyard has always been great fun for youngsters. Make sure the tent is flame-retardant. Paraffin-coated tents are great for keeping rain out - but they can burn up in minutes with a child trapped inside.

Under no circumstances should any flame be used inside a tent. Flashlights are the answer. Supervision of backyard camping is a must for parents. Too many children have been seriously burned experimenting with campfires, candles and flammable liquids.

Boating demands fire safe activities, too, and they are simple.



When refueling, don't smoke or have any ignition source near the area. Leave a touch of room in the tank for fuel expansion and wipe up all fuel spills.

The same goes for refueling power mowers and saws. After you refuel, move the mower or saw away from the refueling spot before you start the motor.

HALTON HYDRANT SAYS:
"You will enjoy good boating, camping, cooking and living in the outdoors if you just 'Learn Not To Burn.'"

Hachey sentenced

Ron Hachey, who was charged with impaired driving in May, has been given a \$1,200 fine, 100 hours of community service and one year probation by a Milton District Court judge June 28.

The 42-year-old Georgetown man also had his license suspended for one year.

Mr. Hachey was convicted of impaired driving in court May 17 while another charge of impaired driving causing death was dropped.

He was charged with the two offences in connection with the death of 19-year-old Gary Russell MacDonald of Georgetown, who died after being struck by a car on Guelph Street March 9, 1990.



Wedding bells

Dwayne DeCoste and Tina Birkhimer were married at Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, on March 23, 1991. Tina is the daughter of Marie Bradbury of St. John's, Nfld., and Donald Birkhimer of Quincy, Mass. Dwayne is the son of Robert and Joyce DeCoste of Georgetown. The happy couple made their home in Brampton where the groom is employed by Ford of Canada. The bride is employed by Canada Post in Mississauga. (Photo submitted)

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