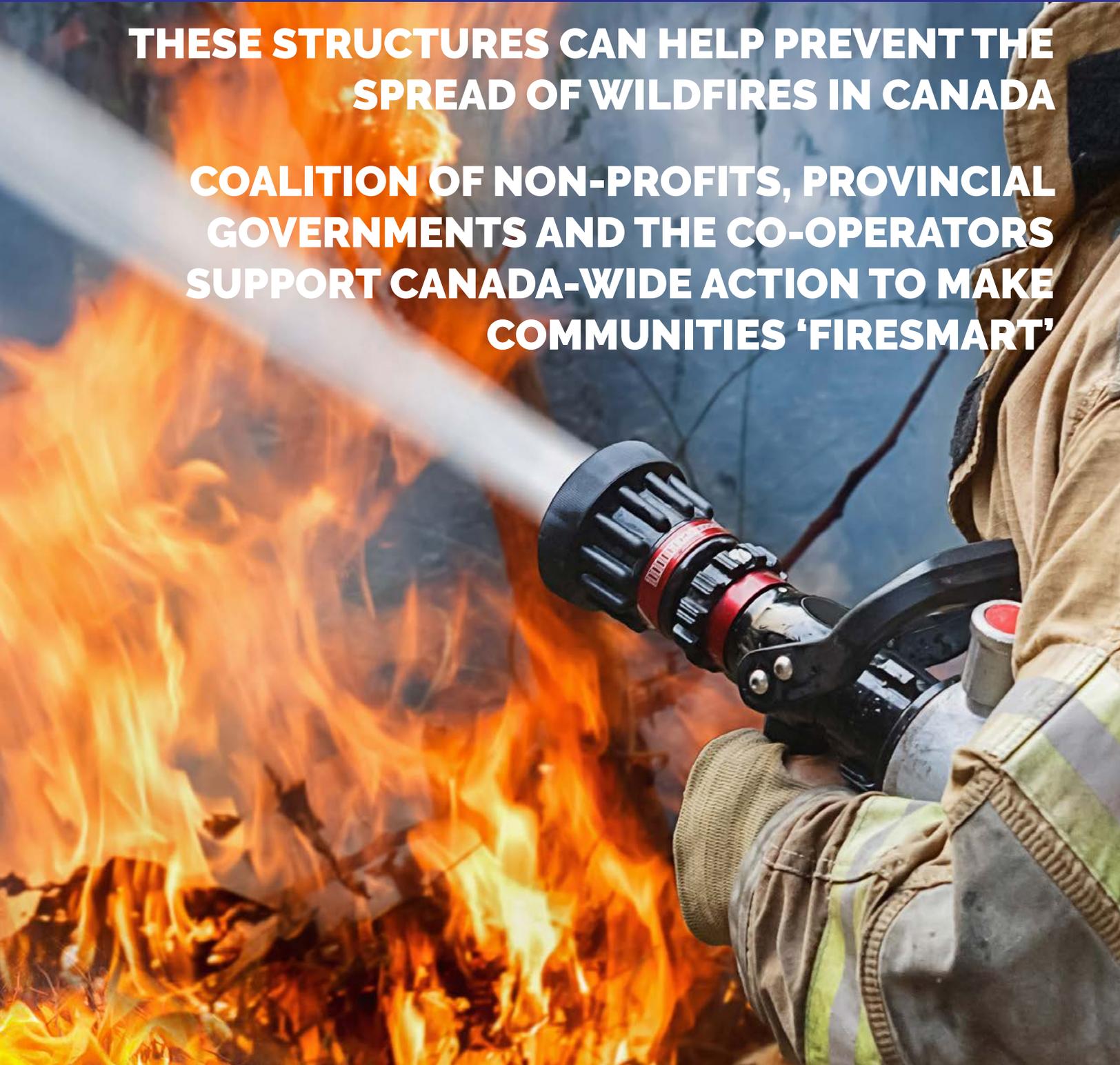




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#### ***O.V.A.A. Reservation Policy***

The O.V.A.A. would like to remind its members of our booking policy for dinner meetings and events.

The O.V.A.A. is charged for each person who registers for an event, whether they are able to attend or not. It is therefore necessary for us to charge anyone who registers for an event and does not attend.

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# President's *Pen* & REP'S Ramblings

*A*pril showers bring may flowers...No truer words could have been spoken for this year!! We did it... we made it to May... finally the nice weather is here!! It has definitely been a long time coming but nothing but blue skies and sunshine in our future.

We are hosting our first Annual Skeet Shooting Event on May 31st, 2018 at the Stittsville Shooting Range. There will be a BBQ and all levels of competition are invited to come us to join for fun in the sun and try out your skeet shooting skills.

Our next event will be our 46th Annual Golf Tournament on July 19th, 2018 being held once again at the Meadows Golf & Country Club. Information and registrations forms will be in this months issue. This event sells out very quickly each year. So don't delay, register today!!

The OIAA Elections were held for the position of Secretary. I am very excited to announce the successful candidate Kyle Case. Congratulation Kyle! You will be an amazing addition to the Senior Executive. As this term draws to a close, the final event before summer is the Changeover which is to take place June 15th & 16th. The Changeover signifies the change of the President for the OIAA from the recent President to the new President. I am very pleased to announce that Michael McLeod will be the incoming President for the 2018-2019 term. Congratulations Michael!! I am certain this is going to be a GREAT year!!

If you haven't had the opportunity please take a moment to have a look at our OVAA Facebook.

Finally once again, I invite anyone who might me interested in submitting an article for consideration to be published in the OVAA newsletter as well as the WP magazine to please let me know as we are always looking for new material. Cheers and see you soon!!

Cindy Bridge, CIP, CRM  
OVAA President/Ottawa Delegate

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

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June 15 - 16 – Changeover for OIAA

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July 19 – Golf tournament



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Guelph, ON (May 1, 2018) — Starting on May 5, municipalities from coast to coast to coast will join a national effort to reduce wildfire risk to local homes and environments in anticipation of this year's wildfire season.

A total of \$47,000 was awarded to 94 successful community applicants across Canada for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. This annual, national program was launched by FireSmart Canada in collaboration with The Co-operators, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction and has since gained support from the Provinces/Territories of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Newfoundland, and the Northwest Territories.

Communities can use their award from May through September to host Wildfire Community Preparedness Day events that will raise awareness, help protect homes, and encourage neighbourhoods

to build wildfire resiliency. Through these events, communities will be encouraged to adopt "FireSmart" activities including proper maintenance and clearing of dead or combustible vegetation, wildfire-resilient landscaping, and using fire-resistant roofing materials.

"Wildfire seasons are lasting longer and are more intense. It is critical that communities can live with and manage the realities of wildfires on our landscapes," says Kelly Johnston, Executive Director of FireSmart Canada. "This is a shared responsibility, and through these community-led events, we can raise awareness and protect people and property by decreasing wildfire risk, particularly in wildland-urban interfaces where the built environment interacts with surrounding vegetation."

The Co-operators provided \$15,000 in funding to support communities in their efforts. Since 2014,

The Co-operators has partnered with the NFPA and FireSmart Canada to drive wildfire resiliency efforts and advocacy to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of wildfires across Canada.

"As wildfire risk continues to increase across the country, Canadians and our communities are increasingly bearing the financial, social and emotional consequences of these events," says Rob Wesseling, president and CEO of The Co-operators. "To provide long-term solutions that protect what matters most, we need a co-ordinated adaptation effort that includes governments, insurers and all Canadians to design and maintain resilient communities."

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We all know that fruits and vegetables are part of a balanced diet. As the temperatures grow warmer, fresh fruits and vegetables are available in supermarkets, at roadside stands, and even at farmer's markets. It's tempting to pick up a handful of berries or vine ripe tomatoes, but something stops you. Last week, you had to throw out quite a bit of produce that had gone bad.

There's nothing worse than having your good-intentioned broccoli florets, onions, leafy greens, and the like go bad in your crisper drawer. When you want to keep everything fresher for longer, here are a few tips you can follow.

- Know your fruits and vegetables. Some fruits and veggies produce ethylene, a type of gas, as they ripen. Other fruits and veggies are sensitive to this gas, causing them to ripen prematurely. It's important to keep these two groups separate. Some ethylene-producing produce includes apricots, avocados, kiwi, peaches, and tomatoes. A few ethylene-sensitive fruits and vegetables include apples, broccoli, eggplant, potatoes, summer squash, and watermelons.
- Not everything should be refrigerated. Cold can actually dull or completely ruin the flavor of some fruits and vegetables altogether. Items like tomatoes, potatoes and even onions should be stored in a cool, dry place but never the fridge.
- Don't wash berries. At least, don't wash your berries until just before you plan on eating them. Wetness will actually encourage the growth of mold, so if you tend to wash strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and others before storing them in your refrigerator, you're just shortening their lifespan.

- If you're in the habit of washing, drying, and cutting your fruits and vegetables all at once, there are still things you can do to increase their lifespan. Store them in covered containers that are lined with paper towels. This will not only help you keep moisture out following the wash process, but leaving fruits and vegetables on your refrigerator shelf instead of in a crisper may remind you to eat them.
- Some produce begins to spoil the moment it's picked. Carrots, broccoli, and certainly lettuce are the best known culprits, here. When you get these items home, store them in separate bags or containers inside your crisper. Make sure that these items are completely dry before you store them as, once again, moisture will encourage faster spoiling.
- Buy only what you need. This may be easier said than done. Those berries might not be on your grocery list for the week, but they sure look tasty! Instead of giving in to the urge to go astray, try visiting the market more often instead. If that isn't possible, meal planning is one of the best ways to stay on task.
- Get rid of rotting produce. This one is pretty easy. If you notice fruits or vegetables that have begun to rot, be sure they are composted immediately. This may help to lengthen the lives of fruits and veggies the rotting produce may have been stored with.

There are a variety of other ways you can ensure that your fruits and vegetables remain fresh. For instance, specially designed storage containers or bags can be picked up at your local store. As long as you remain aware and plan ahead as much as possible with your meals, you shouldn't find yourself needlessly tossing rotten food.



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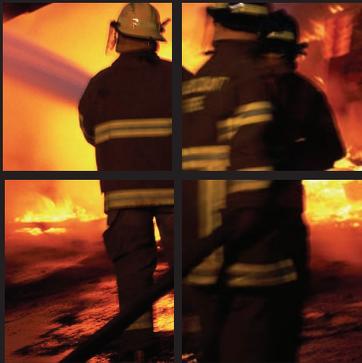
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