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Portable Pump Program Information Sheet

Georgian Bay Fire Department has 79 portable pumps that are placed strategically throughout the Township to assist in wildland firefighting operations.

These pumps are maintained by the Fire Department, **members of the public should only use these pumps if they have had training** on how to safely operate and feel comfortable and confident doing so. **If you see that a pump or any equipment is missing from the pump houses, or you require training please contact the Georgian Bay Fire Department at #705-538-2765 or email fire@gbtownship.ca**

Step by Step Guide to Use the Portable Pumps

- Remove portable pump, hoses, nozzles from pump house.
- Place the pump by the waters edge on safe ground.
- Remove water fill cap.
- Fill pump end with water.
- Replace water fill cap and hand tighten.
- Put hard suction in water pump side of pump.
- Connect fire hose and nozzle to the pump
- Secondary person/ hose handler holds fire hose and nozzle for safety.
- Push gas level towards engine (to turn gas on).
- Push choke lever towards the engine (to turn choke on)
- Push throttle lever half way toward engine.
- Turn red (on/off) switch to on position.
- Pull cord until engine starts.
- Slowly move choke lever back
- Ensure secondary person/ hose handler is prepared for water.
- Push throttle lever towards engine to flow more water.
- To stop fire pump push the throttle lever all the way away from the engine and turn the switch off.
- Ensure gas is also turned off before putting pump away.

See Reverse for More Information!



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Dangers to be Aware of!

The Georgian Bay Fire Department wants to ensure all residents are safe while operating the portable pumps and would like any pump operators or other people on the scene of a wildland fire to **consider the following dangers.**

- **Hydro lines** – often fires are started by hydro lines that are broken this is extremely dangerous for people who are trying to put the fire out! Stay away from downed hydro lines and do not spray water in that area!
- **Fuel sources**- if a wildland fire has gotten close to a cottage or residence please consider that there may be fuel sources (propane tanks, portable gas tanks) that can worsen fire and are at risk for explosion. Please leave the area if the fire is near a fuel source.
- **Volunteer firefighters and or Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) wildland firefighters** – once firefighters arrive on scene all public should exit the forest and make contact with the firefighter in charge. Fire hoses and water streams, trees being cut and water bombers are just some of the dangers that are present during wildland firefighting operations.
- **Snakes**- rattlesnakes are often known to curl up in the pump houses, be very cautious when removing the pump from the pump house.
- **Attire**- members of the public should be dressed appropriately if they action a wildland fire.
- **Heat Stroke**- there is a greater chance of heat stroke with the physical and mental stress and heat that accompany wildland fires.