



## **PRESS RELEASE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

The Town of Sylvan Lake has issued a full fire ban within the Town of Sylvan Lake boundaries.

Due to the present weather conditions and the amount of dry vegetation in the Town boundaries, the Town of Sylvan Lake has put a Ban on all Open Fires. Open fires are prohibited as of April 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., within the boundaries of the Town. This ban will stay in effect until reasonable precipitation has fallen in this area. If you have any questions or concerns please phone the Sylvan Lake Fire Department at 373-7406.

Effective immediately and until further notice, the ban in the Town of Sylvan Lake includes all charcoal briquettes, fire logs, park stoves and fire pits. Fires which are contained in cooking and heating appliances and fuelled by fluids or gases are not included within this ban.

Fireworks within the Town of Sylvan Lake boundaries are prohibited WITHOUT a fireworks permit signed by the Fire Chief.

Fire Departments in the local areas have been actively fighting fires that were caused from people burning straw, grass and vegetation. The intensity and speed at which the dry vegetation burns is catching people by surprise. Fire department resources are then committed more frequently. Property is being lost and in order to protect the public the ban has been activated.

Cliff Brausen  
Sylvan Lake Fire Chief