

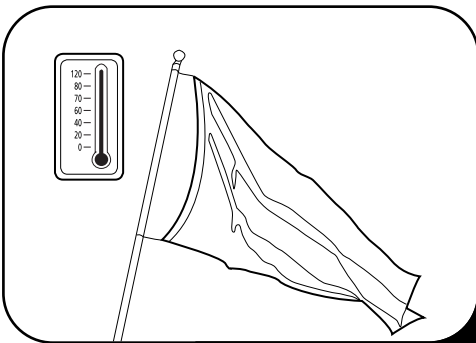
The FireSmart Campfire

You never know when a fire can strike. But, if you're FireSmart, you have a better chance of saving your home, yard, outbuildings – even your family and yourself.

With awareness and responsible practices, we as individuals can make a difference by preventing fires from starting and protecting ourselves against fires. We can help to preserve and protect both our natural resources and our property.

The Ministry of Environment has prepared this and other fact sheets as companion pieces to the FireSmart video series, which provides information on fire safety and helps you reduce the risks of wildfire to your property.

There are only two causes of wildfire: lightning and people. We can't do anything about lightning, but we can avoid accidentally starting a wildfire.

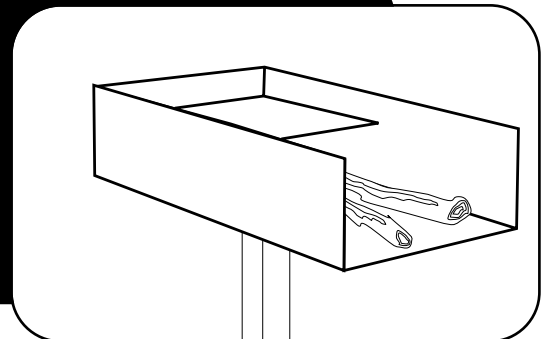


1. Make sure it is not too windy, hot or dry

- fires are harder to control when it's windy
- fires start and spread more easily and rapidly when it's hot and dry

2. Build your campfire in a barbecue pit or stand when provided

- fire receptacles in campgrounds are designed to keep your campfire from going wild

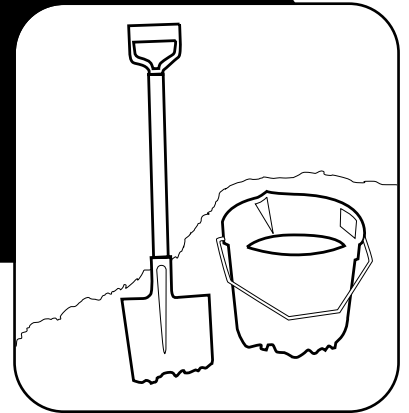


3. In the wild, build fires on rock, clay or sand

- clear away all surface debris within one metre of your fire
- keep your fire small and supervised

4. Keep a pail of water and a shovel nearby

- equipment that you can grab and use quickly can help you keep your fire from escaping

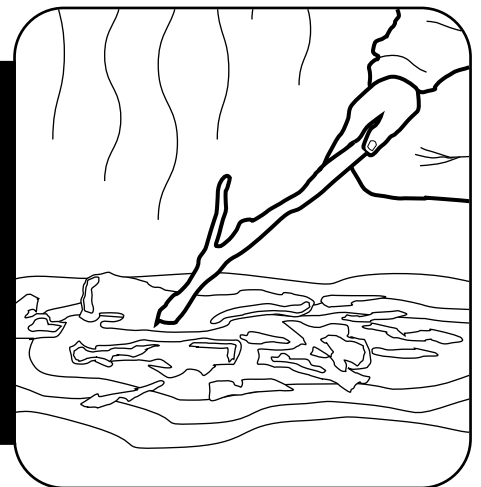


5. Use lots of water to put out your fire – float and stir the coals

- using lots of water and a bit of caution to put out your fire could save a forest
- coals should be cool to the touch before you leave the site

6. Double check the coals for heat before you leave

- carelessness can result in a dangerous wildfire



Remember, if your fire goes wild, you may be held liable to pay for damages. For tips on fire safety or reducing wildfire risks, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/fire or contact your local Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment office.

To report a wildfire, call Firewatch, toll-free at 1-800-667-9660.