



CAMPFIRE TIPS

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND PROTECTION

CALL BEFORE YOU BURN

1-800-323-BURN
or visit
www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk/

WATCH

Campfire must be attended
at ALL times.

CLEAR

Around the campfire all flammable
vegetation should be cleared for a
sufficient distance adequate to
prevent the escape of fire.

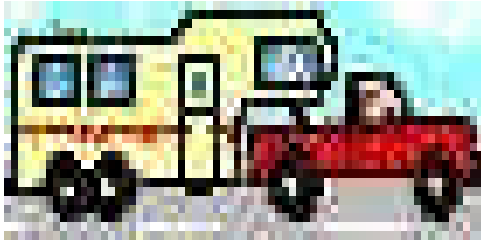
OUT

Completely extinguish
campfire before leaving.

If you don't prevent wildfire – who will?

Camping Safety

Call Before You Leave 1-800-323-BURN

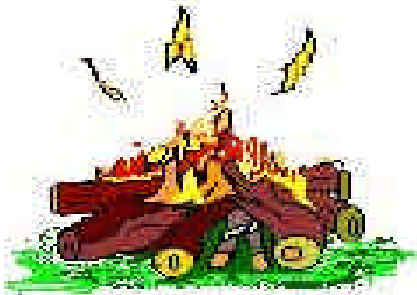


In Recreational Vehicles

- Use only electric or battery lights in RVs.
- Clean and maintain appliances, gas connections, and fume vents.
- When using propane appliances, light a match before turning on gas.
- Place portable heaters away from combustibles.
- Do not block exit ways.
- Extinguish smoking materials before retiring.
- Teach children to operate emergency escape hatches.
- Keep a fire extinguisher by the exit door, and install a battery operated smoke detector.
- Prepare and practice a fire escape plan.
- In case of fire while driving, turn off the ignition and evacuate the vehicle.

In Tents

- Buy only a flame-resistant tent.
- Clear a 3-foot area around tent site.
- Keep lanterns and open flames outside tent.
- Extinguish fires and turn off lanterns and stoves before retiring.
- Keep a fire extinguisher inside tent.
- Be prepared to cut your way out of the tent if a fire occurs.



With Campfires

- Secure necessary permits to build a campfire.
- Locate campfire a safe distance from tents, trees, or buildings.
- Scrape away grass and needles to bare soil.
- Be sure campfire is completely out before leaving the area.
- Wear snug fitting, fire-resistant clothing around campfires.
- Supervise children closely around a campfire.
- Teach everyone to STOP, DROP, and ROLL.

With Flammable Liquids

- Use flammable liquids only for intended purpose.
- Fill lanterns and stoves away from heat sources.
- Use a funnel; clean spills immediately.
- Store flammable liquids outside, away from tent or RV.
- Store in approved metal safety can.
- Transport only minimal amounts in well-ventilated area.



PREPARING FOR THE TRIP

- Are fire restrictions in effect? Call 1-800-323-BURN or visit www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk/
- Are wildfires burning in your hunt area?
- Watch for Fire Prevention Messages posted along the road.
- It is recommended you carry a cell phone and an AM/FM Radio for weather and fire information

HOW TO BUILD AN OPEN CAMPFIRE

- Select a level shaded location away from heavy fuels such as logs, brush or heavy duff and needles. Consider the wind direction.
- Use shovel to clear “a sufficient distance” around the campfire. (Rule of thumb is one and one-half times the width of the campfire.)
- Scrape away all grass or needles and duff down to bare soil.
- Scoop a depression in the center of the cleared area in which to build the fire and put a ring of rocks around it.
- Keep camp or warming fires small.
- Fire must not be left unattended and the fire must be extinguished completely before you leave camp.

HOW TO COMPLETELY EXTINGUISH AN OPEN CAMPFIRE

- Pour bucket of water on the campfire while completely stirring and wetting all the ashes. Turn wood and coals over and wet all sides.
- Move some of the dirt immediately adjacent to the fire into the fire and mix thoroughly.
- Feel with your hand all around to be sure nothing is still smoldering.

VEHICLES

- Inspect vehicle exhaust system for holes or leaks
- Carry a fire extinguisher
- Make sure catalytic converters are operational
- Don't drive or park in dry grass
- Make sure ATV has an approved spark arrester

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

KNOW THE

LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR YOUR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

From 1991 – 2000 there were 4,905 wildfires caused from recreation. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) investigates and pursues recovery of all reasonable expenses for wildfires on DNR protected lands. So when you go to extinguish your campfire, please make sure it is “dead” out.

Human caused fires don't have to happen. It's up to you!

RCW 76.04.700 Failure to extinguish campfire. It is unlawful for any person to start any fire upon any camping ground and upon leaving the camping ground fail to extinguish the fire

Go to <http://slc.leg.wa.gov/> to look up the laws of Washington (For DNR forest protection see RCW Title 76 and WAC 332. Please contact the DNR Region Office in your hunting area for more specific fire regulations.)