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CATEGORY 1 OPEN FIRE

CAMPFIRE

Never leave your campfire unattended.

Extinguish your fire by stirring water into the ashes until it is cool to the touch—hot coals can reignite the fire.

Ensure that your fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area.



During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA-approved or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres.



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CAMPFIRE SAFETY



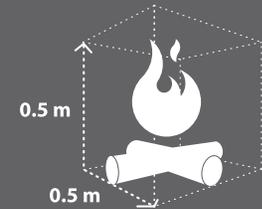
You must have a fuel break around your campfire. Clear the surrounding area of debris and anything combustible to prevent the fire from becoming out of control.

A rock ring, fire pit or other non-flammable barrier around the fire can help prevent it from spreading.

You must be equipped with at least eight litres of water or a hand tool.

A “category 1 campfire” means an open fire that both:

- burns material in one pile no larger than 0.5 metres in height and 0.5 metres in width, and
- is lit, fuelled or used
 - by any person for a recreational purpose, or
 - by a First Nation for a ceremonial purpose.



🔍 Always check for open fire prohibitions or restrictions before engaging in any activity that could potentially cause a wildfire.

🚫 Avoid having a campfire when it's windy.

🚶 Do not leave your campfire unattended for any amount of time.

🧯 Before you leave the area, your campfire must be fully extinguished. The ashes of your fire must be cool to the touch.

⚠️ Anyone found in violation of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined up to \$1 million, be sentenced up to 1 year in jail as well and be responsible for all fire fighting and associated costs.