



# OPEN CAMPFIRE SAFETY RULES

Campfire Safety to Prevent Wildfire

LEARN HOW TO BUILD AN OPEN CAMPFIRE, MAINTAIN IT DURING THE BURN TIME AND HOW TO EXTINGUISH AN OPEN CAMPFIRE WHEN FINISHED:

## BUILD

TO BUILD AN OPEN CAMPFIRE



SELECT A LEVEL, OPEN LOCATION AWAY FROM HEAVY FUELS SUCH AS LOGS, BRUSH OR DECAYING LEAVES AND NEEDLES.

5<sup>FT</sup>



CLEAR AN AREA AT LEAST 5 FEET FROM FIRE'S EDGE (LOCAL REGULATIONS MAY VARY).



SCRAPE AWAY GRASS, LEAVES OR NEEDLES DOWN TO THE MINERAL SOIL.



CUT WOOD IN SHORT LENGTHS, PILE WITHIN CLEARED AREA AND LIGHT THE FIRE.



SCOOP A DEPRESSION IN THE CENTER OF THE CLEARED AREA IN WHICH TO BUILD THE FIRE AND PUT A RING OF ROCKS AROUND IT.



THE FIRE SHOULD BE BUILT NO LARGER THAN NECESSARY FOR COOKING OR PERSONAL WARMTH.



YOUR FIRE MUST NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED AND THE FIRE MUST BE EXTINGUISHED COMPLETELY BEFORE LEAVING.

## BURN

THE FIRE IS BURNING



KEEP A SHOVEL AND BUCKET OF WATER NEARBY AT ALL TIMES.



WHILE THE FIRE IS BURNING, BE SURE THERE IS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON IN ATTENDANCE OF THE FIRE AT ALL TIMES.



NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN AROUND A FIRE UNATTENDED.

## OUT

COMPLETELY EXTINGUISH AN OPEN CAMPFIRE



USE THE "DROWN, STIR AND FEEL" METHOD: DROWN THE FIRE WITH WATER, THEN STIR AROUND THE FIRE AREA WITH YOUR SHOVEL TO WET ANY REMAINING EMBERS AND ASH.



FEEL THE AREA WITH THE BACK OF YOUR HAND TO ENSURE NOTHING IS STILL SMOLDERING.



TURN WOOD AND COALS OVER AND WET ALL SIDES.



MOVE SOME DIRT ONTO THE FIRE SITE AND MIX THOROUGHLY TO FULLY SMOTHER IT.

**ONE LESS SPARK**  
ONE LESS WILDFIRE

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