

Wildfire safety and prevention:

wildfire.alberta.ca

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albertafirebans.ca

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Forest Protection Area of Alberta

Alberta's Forest Protection Area (FPA) covers approximately 60 per cent of the province's landmass. In Alberta, wildfire protection is shared between Alberta Wildfire (inside the FPA) and the municipalities and counties (outside the FPA).

Forest and Prairie Protection Act

If you are found responsible for starting a wildfire, you can be charged under the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* (FPPA), fined and held liable for all costs associated with fighting the wildfire. All Alberta legislation, including the FPPA, can be found at the King's Printer.

For more information:

alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.aspx

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Safe campfires

Wildfire prevention tips



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Safe campfires



1

Soak it

Select your site

- In campgrounds or recreational areas, use the designated stoves, rings or fire pits. They are designed to keep fires from spreading and are the best choice for a safe campfire.
- When outside of a campground, use sites that are clear of dry grass, bushes, leaves, tree trunks, peat moss and overhanging branches. If a site has already been used for a campfire, use the same site.
- Build your campfires on level ground sheltered from wind.
- If you are not able to build your fire near a water source, have a large container of water on-hand to keep your campfire under control and fully extinguish it.



2

Stir it

Prepare your campfire

The tools

- A shovel or spade
- An axe or hatchet
- Enough water to fully extinguish your campfire

The site

When building a campfire in the backcountry or where there is no dedicated fire ring:

- Make a circle about one metre around.
- Dig or scrape down to the mineral soil.
- Clear away any flammable materials within one metre of the pit.



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Soak it again

Extinguish your campfire

Soak it, stir it, soak it again

- Let the fire burn down before you plan on putting it out. Spread the embers within the fire pit, then add water or loose dirt and stir.
- Expose any material still burning and then add more water and stir again until you can no longer see smoke or steam. Do not bury your fire as the embers may continue to smoulder and can reemerge as a wildfire.
- Repeat until your campfire is cool to the touch.
- If your fire is out, you should not be able to feel any heat from the ashes.