

# The Facts About Wildfire Prevention

**HELP PROTECT OUR WILDLANDS**



**FROM THE DEVASTATION OF FIRE**

**DROWN  
YOUR  
CAMPFIRE!**



**CAMPFIRES ARE THE  
LEADING CAUSE OF  
PREVENTABLE WILDFIRES  
IN ONTARIO.**

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# Key Messages:

- ✓ Check with your local municipal office or Ministry of Natural Resources for burning restrictions or bylaws before burning grass or brush around your cottage.
- ✓ Build campfires on bare soil or exposed rock, well sheltered from the wind. Keep a pail of water and a shovel on hand to control the fire.
- ✓ Douse campfires with water and stir the ashes with a stick or shovel to allow the water to soak in and cool the ashes and the ground.
- ✓ Campfires should never be left unattended and must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving the site.
- ✓ Extinguish cigarette butts by dousing them with water or crushing them thoroughly in bare mineral soil or on bare rock.
- ✓ Never discard a burning cigarette in the bush or from the window of a moving vehicle.
- ✓ Allow portable generators, stoves and lanterns to cool before refuelling. Refuel on bare soil or exposed rock.



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**Fact**

Wildfires destroy an average of  
200,000 hectares of forested land each  
year in Ontario.

