

# Open Air Burning in Brant

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**Keep the fire small** (less than 1 metre), have 15 metres of clearance to anything that can burn like buildings and fence lines.

Make sure the smoke doesn't bother anyone, and only burn clean wood.



## Tips for a **SAFE** recreational fire

- Find a spot that is sheltered from the wind
- Build your fire on a non-combustible surfaces
- Make sure the space above the fire is at least 3 metres from overhanging branches and vegetation



## Prepare the site

Be sure to clear a space about **2 metres wide** for the fire. Scrape the area right down to the mineral soil.

Ensure you have a pail of water or garden hose, and a shovel to control the fire.



## Build your campfire

- Keep your fire small to a maximum of one metre high and one metre wide
- Small fires are safer, easier to control and put out
- A small fire will also keep cooking tools from blackening and let you get close enough to cook



## Stay nearby!

**Never leave a fire unattended.**

You are responsible for tending your campfire, ensuring it is kept under control, and for putting it out.

## Put the fire out

- Pour lots of water on the campfire
- Stir the ashes with a stick
- Pour more water over top of the campfire
- Stir the ashes with a stick again

**Repeat until:**

- the ashes are cold to the touch
- the ashes don't hiss
- the ashes look soaked
- no more smoke comes from the ashes



## Safety tips for kids

- Always **ensure children are with an adult** when they are around a fire
- Always make sure small children are **at least 1 metre away** from the fire
- Never allow children to play with matches or fireworks
- Teach your children to tell an adult immediately if they see a fire burning out of control

