

Campfire Safety



When campfires escape, they can destroy valuable resources, habitat and homes.

75% **17** **270**

of the province is covered by forests

campfires is the annual average reported number that cause wildfires*

hectares is the average area of land destroyed per year*



Building Choose a safe site

STEP ONE:



Is burning allowed?

Check the daily burn restrictions at novascotia.ca/burnsafe or 1 855 564 2876



Use a fire pit if available or build on bare rock, soil/sand



Keep a 3 metre clearance around and above your fire



Prepare the site by scraping the ground down to bare soil (1m radius)

Burning Doing it safely

Campfires should be less than 0.5m high x 0.5m wide. Small hot fires are easier to cook over and put out. Use fire starters, kindling and dry wood.



Never leave your campfire unattended



Keep a pail of water and a shovel nearby



Watch children and pets around fire



If it's windy, do not have a campfire

Extinguishing

Always put out your campfire before leaving the area. Your fire is out when the ash doesn't hiss, no smoke comes from the ashes and the remnants are cold to the touch.

Cold to the touch means you're done



Pour a lot of water on it



Stir in the water with a stick or shovel



Add water and stir until the ash is cold to the touch



March 15 – October 15 campfires are not allowed between 8am-2pm. Check the daily burn restrictions at novascotia.ca/burnsafe or 1 855 564 2876. Abide by local municipal bylaws. To learn more visit novascotia.ca/campsafe

*Reported Nova Scotia average.