

ALL ABOUT WILDFIRES

CAUSES, EFFECTS AND PREVENTION

Wildfires have become steadily more common in the last few decades. And while some wildfires naturally occur, an astounding amount of wildfires is caused by human-related activities. Wildfires not only devastate lives and destroy property but they also impact subsistence resources for decades.



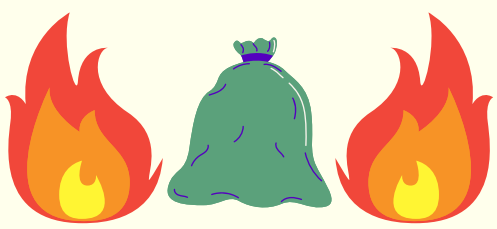
CAMPFIRES

Campfires, illegal, unattended, or poorly extinguished ones, potentially can burn thousands of acres. And if the fire warning is high, that really spells trouble.



DEBRIS BURNING

Fires lit for agricultural purposes like clearing land or removing crop residue make up 29% of wildfires nationally.



OPEN BURNING ON THE GROUND AT LANDFILLS

It is illegal to open burn trash on the ground.

Improper burning at rural landfills have led to wildfires that have threatened community infrastructure and homes.

What Can You Do?

Never leave burning waste unattended.

Only burn in an enclosed burn unit.

Evaluate annually and change the spark arrestor on your burn units to prevent fly ash from escaping.

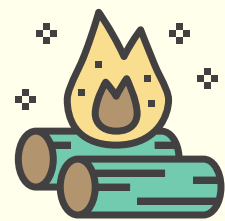
Maintain a 50ft fire break.

Never burn during a burn ban.



HUMAN ACTIVITIES THAT START WILDFIRES

Anything that can cause a spark and has the potential to spread outdoors, especially in ideal fire weather, and create a wildfire.



NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF WILDFIRE

Smoke from large fires negatively affects air quality. Wildfire also destroys animal habitats, and leaves behind stripped land. Then it can become eroded. Wildfire can also damage or destroy local natural resources that are important for subsistence.