

Campfires: A roaring fire is both a success and a responsibility. It is your job to properly build, maintain and extinguish your campfire.

Building a campfire: Be prepared with the right tools, knowledge and location before building a campfire

1. Campfires should be positioned in cleared areas with no overhanging branches, minimal grass and brush.
2. Ensure the campfire is away from tents, camping equipment and any other flammable items.
3. Where possible use a fireplace such as a barbeque pit, or build a fire pit and surround it with large rocks
4. Do not start a fire on a dry windy day.
5. Know the fire danger and regulations for the area you are in.
6. Have a shovel and a bucket of water ready to put out the fire.

Maintaining Your Campfire As you're enjoying your campfire, remember these safety tips:

1. Once you have a strong fire going, add larger pieces of dry wood to keep it burning steadily.
2. Keep your fire to a manageable size.
3. Make sure children and pets are supervised when near the fire.
4. Never leave your campfire unattended.
5. Never cut live trees or branches from live trees.

Extinguishing Your Campfire When you're ready to put out your fire, follow these guidelines:

1. Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible.
2. Pour lots of water on the fire, drown ALL embers, not just the red ones.
3. Pour until hissing sound stops.
4. Stir the campfire ashes and embers with a shovel.
5. Scrape the sticks and logs to remove any embers.
6. Stir and make sure everything is wet and cold to the touch.
7. If you do not have water, use dirt. Mix enough dirt or sand with the embers. Continue adding and stirring until all material is cool. Do NOT bury the fire as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire. **REMEMBER: If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!**

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Smokey Bear mobile has a lot to offer, from campfire safety tips to Smokey wallpapers for your mobile phone. Visit Smokey Bear's campfire safety guide to learn how to help keep you, and others, safe when cooking and camping outdoors, or follow Smokey on social media. Join the Wildfire Prevention movement, and remember, only you can prevent wildfires.

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This is a grass-roots, community-based effort to prevent unwanted wildfires everywhere. One Less Spark is One Less Wildfire. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/OneLessSpark> and <http://www.preventwildfireca.org/>.

Practice Vehicle Safety

Motorists are responsible for many of the wildfires sparked along roadways. Nearly all of these fire starts could be prevented by following these safety rules:

1. Secure chains. Practice safe towing. Dragging chains throw sparks. Use appropriate safety pins and hitch ball to secure chains.
2. No dragging parts. Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained, with nothing dragging on the ground.
3. Check tire pressure. Maintain proper tire pressure. Driving on exposed wheel rims will throw sparks.
4. Carry a fire extinguisher in your vehicle and learn how to use it.
5. Don't drive your vehicle onto dry grass or brush. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can start fires that you won't even see - until it's too late!
6. Properly maintain brakes. Brakes worn too thin may cause metal to metal contact, which can cause a spark.

Southwest Coordination Center



For current wildland fire information in the southwest visit SWCC. The **Southwest Coordination Center** is the interagency focal point for coordinating the mobilization of resources between the twelve Federal and State Dispatch Centers of the Southwest Area and, when necessary, the National Coordination Center in Boise, ID, for assignment throughout the nation. Located in Albuquerque, NM, the SWCC mobilizes resources for wildland fire, prescribed fire, and other all-risk incidents. **Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention and Information Website** will have information specific to Arizona.