

DID YOU KNOW?

On average, 45% of wildfires in the Yukon are caused by people. While most fires are in remote areas, some fires do endanger cabins and homes.

Rural homeowners need to take all possible precautions to reduce the threat of wildfires. It is wise to build a firepit if you want to enjoy fires outside. It should be thoroughly cleared and surrounded with rocks or built on bare rock with a screen on it. You should also ensure that your firepit complies with any local municipal bylaws.

Garbage disposal is best done at the municipal dump but if that isn't possible, build a proper incinerator out of a metal barrel in good condition and follow the burning barrel guidelines that are available through your local Wildland Fire Management Office.



For safe burning tips and information, visit the Wildland Fire Management Website or contact your local Wildland Fire Management or Client Services District Office:

Whitehorse.....	867.456.3877
Teslin.....	867.390.2531
Watson Lake.....	867.536.7335
	867.536.2005
Haines Junction..	867.634.7061
	867.634.2256
Carmacks.....	867.863.5271
Mayo.....	867.996.2343
	867.996.3200
Dawson.....	867.993.5752
	867.993.5468
Ross River.....	867.969.2243
Old Crow.....	867.966.3311

www.community.gov.yk.ca/firemanagement.html



Report Wildfires
1-888-798-FIRE(3473)

WILDFIRE PREVENTION

BURN BARRELS



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before you burn

In many parts of the Yukon, burn barrels are commonly used to dispose of debris. While they are a convenient tool, burn barrels must be used responsibly to avoid sparking a wildfire.

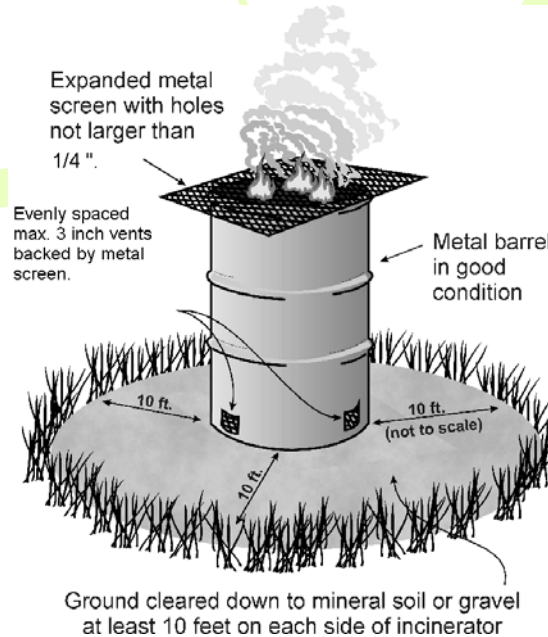
Get a Burning Permit

If you plan on using a burn barrel during the fire season (April 1-September 30), you are required to obtain a Burning Permit. In fact, burning permits are required for anyone planning to burn grass, brush or debris on all PRIVATE and PUBLIC lands (subject to municipal bylaws) between April 1 and September 30.

Burning permits are free of charge and are available through your local Wildland Fire Management or Client Services District Office.



preparing your burn barrel



- Burning barrels must be in good condition with proper vents
- Always cover your burn barrel with 6mm(1/4in) or smaller metal mesh screen
- Screens should be weighted
- Position your barrel a minimum of 5 metres from standing timber
- Clear ground to mineral soil within 3 metres of barrel

FIRE BANS

When conditions are extremely hot and dry, a fire ban can be issued. When this occurs your burn permit is not longer valid. **Once a fire ban is lifted contact your local Wildland Fire Management Office to have another permit issued.**

conduct a safe burn

- Never burn in windy conditions. Only burn when you can barely feel a breeze
- Try to avoid burning in the heat of the day
- The material you burn in your burn barrel should be as dry as possible. Burn in small amounts to make sure they are completely burned
- Do not allow the burn barrel to smolder, especially overnight
- NEVER leave the fire in your burn barrel unattended. Close supervision of your burn barrel in necessary at all times.
- Keep hand tools and a local water supply nearby
- Landowners/company representatives are encourage to transport their garbage to rural landfill sites whenever possible

What NOT to burn

- Preserved wood
- Material from automobile bodies and tires
- Rubber, plastic and any materials that contain rubber or plastic
- Animal manure
- Pathological waste