

FireSmart Burning Project

You never know when a fire can strike. But, if you're FireSmart, you have a better chance of saving your home, yard, outbuildings – even your family and yourself.

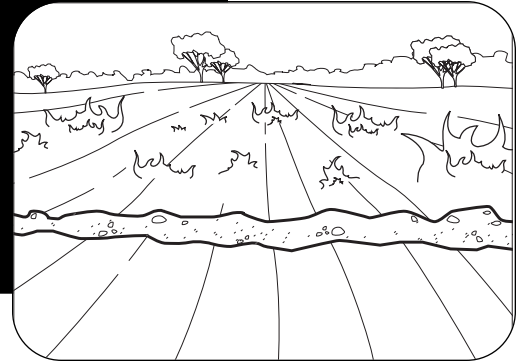
With awareness and responsible practices, we as individuals can make a difference by preventing fires from starting and protecting ourselves against fires. We can help to preserve and protect both our natural resources and our property.

Saskatchewan Environment has prepared this and other fact sheets as companion pieces to the FireSmart video series, which provides information on fire safety and helps you reduce the risks of wildfire to your property.

Fire can be used for constructive purposes in a safer manner. Be FireSmart and don't let your fire go wild.

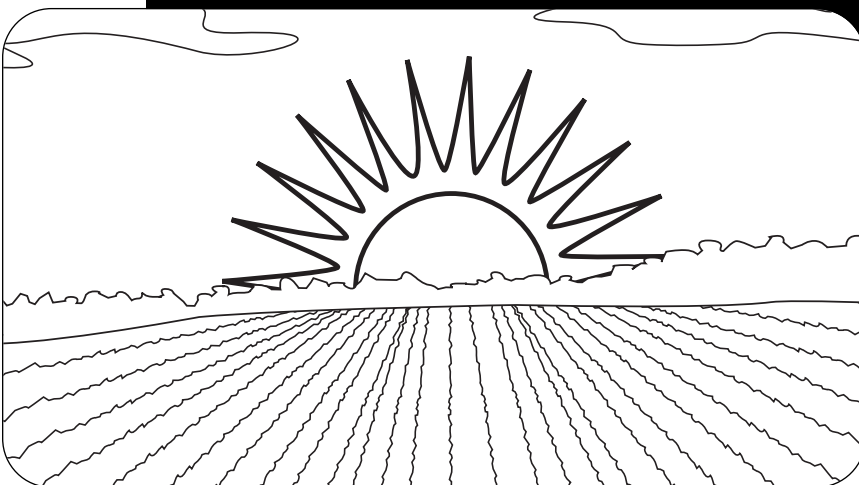
1. Clear a wide fireguard that completely surrounds the area

- planned fires start wildfires more often than any other human cause, so extreme care and caution must be exercised



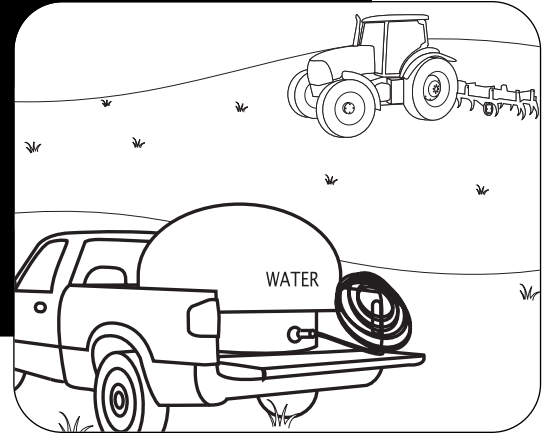
2. Burn in mid morning or mid afternoon

- burn when the temperatures are cool, the humidity is up and the winds are light



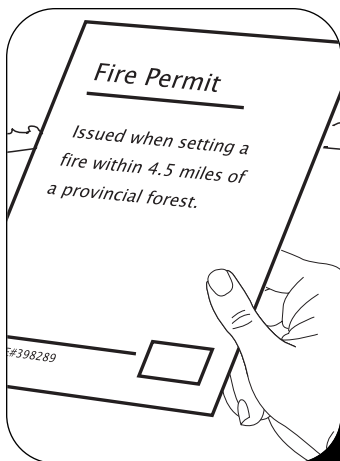
3. Keep a tractor, cultivator, mobile water tank and pump ready

- farm machinery will help you control the fire so it's less likely to escape the fireguard



4. Supervise the fire until it is completely out

- have extra help on hand to ensure that the fire is extinguished



5. Get a free permit if you're burning within 4.5 kilometres of a provincial forest

- burning permits are required April 1 to October 31
- receive more information on safer burning practices and local fire conditions at our offices

Remember, if your fire goes wild, you may be held liable to pay for damages. For tips on fire safety or reducing wildfire risks, visit www.se.gov.sk.ca or contact your local Saskatchewan Environment office.

To report a wildfire, call Firewatch, toll-free at 1-800-667-9660.

