

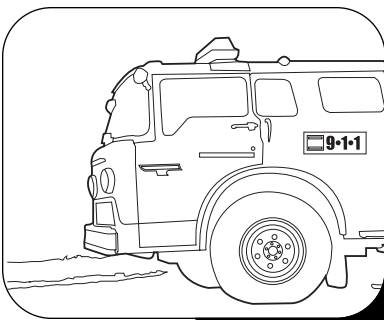
FireSmart Maintenance

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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.

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Everyone needs to be ready for a wildfire emergency.



1. Be active in your community fire department

- every community needs volunteer firefighters with wildfire training

2. Carry out mock fire scenarios for training

- ensure that everyone knows what to expect



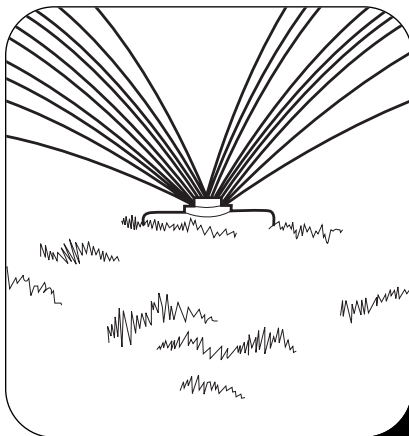
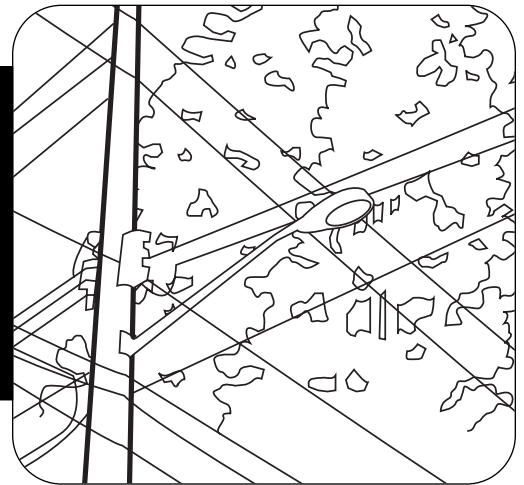
RESORT VILLAGE
FIRE HALL
CANDLE LAKE

3. Develop firefighting agreements with other communities

- a collaborative effort benefits everyone

4. Remove dangerous wildfire fuels

- cut the grass around landfills
- thin or remove problem trees
- burn off grass in spring and fall

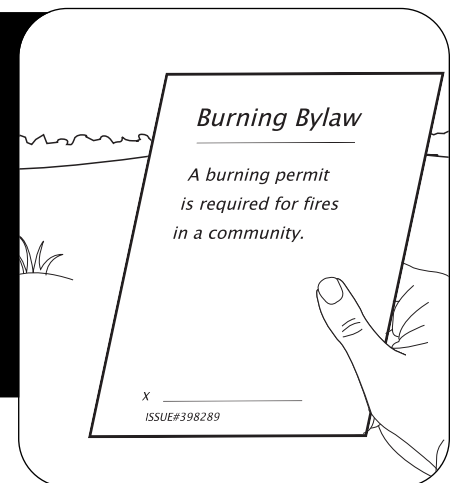


5. Keep green spaces well trimmed and watered

- this reduces the risk of wildfire burning in the community or a fire from the community escaping into the surrounding wildlands

6. Establish bylaws to control potentially dangerous burning practices

- establish safe practices for your jurisdiction
- ensure new subdivisions are built the FireSmart way



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.



Naturally FireSmart

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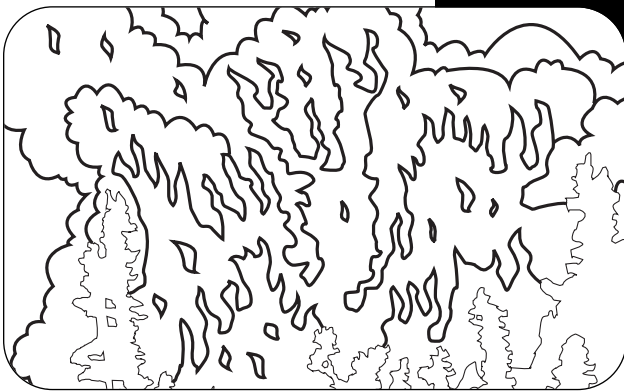
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Fire can play a beneficial role or be a powerful enemy – treat it with respect.

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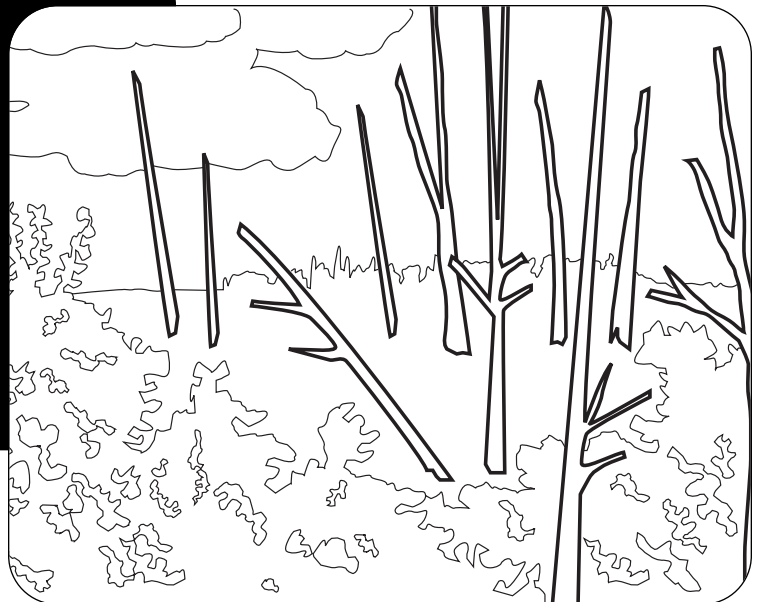
Fire has an important role to play in the life-cycle of forests



- in boreal forests like Saskatchewan's, fire is the main shaper of the land
- fires occur every 50 to 100 years naturally

2. Natural fire has many benefits for the forest

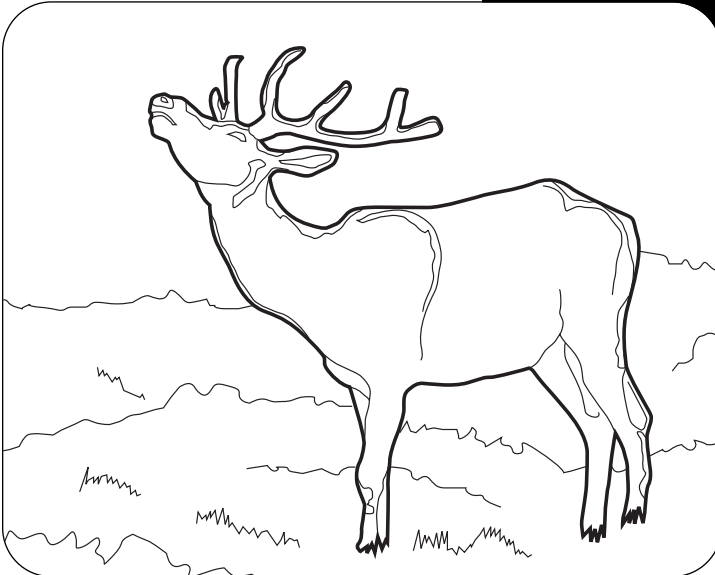
- removes diseased trees
- eliminates dangerous buildup of forest vegetation
- removes forest canopy so new growth is encouraged



3.

New forests attract an abundance of wildlife ... and people

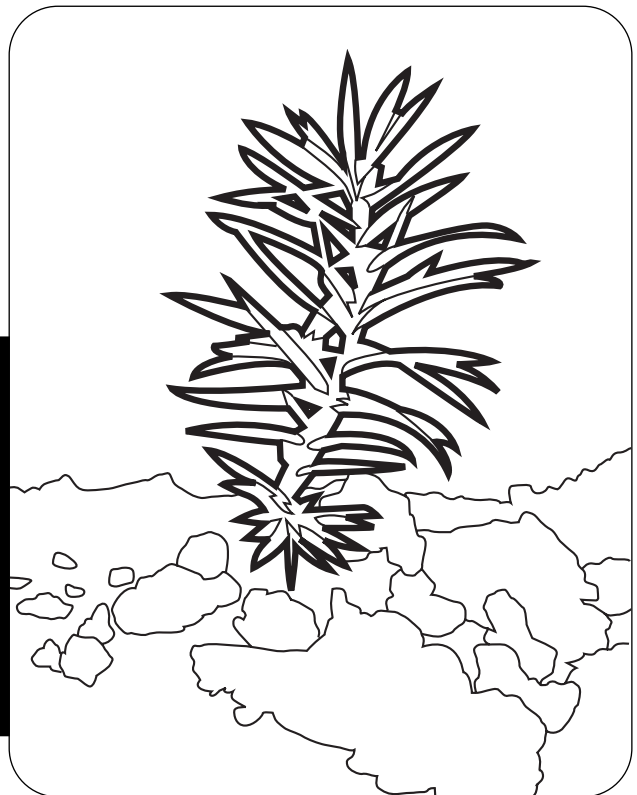
- lush new growth provides food and shelter for an abundance of wildlife
- you can enjoy viewing these animals and birds



4.

Sometimes being FireSmart means letting nature take its course

- fires play an important part in renewing forests



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