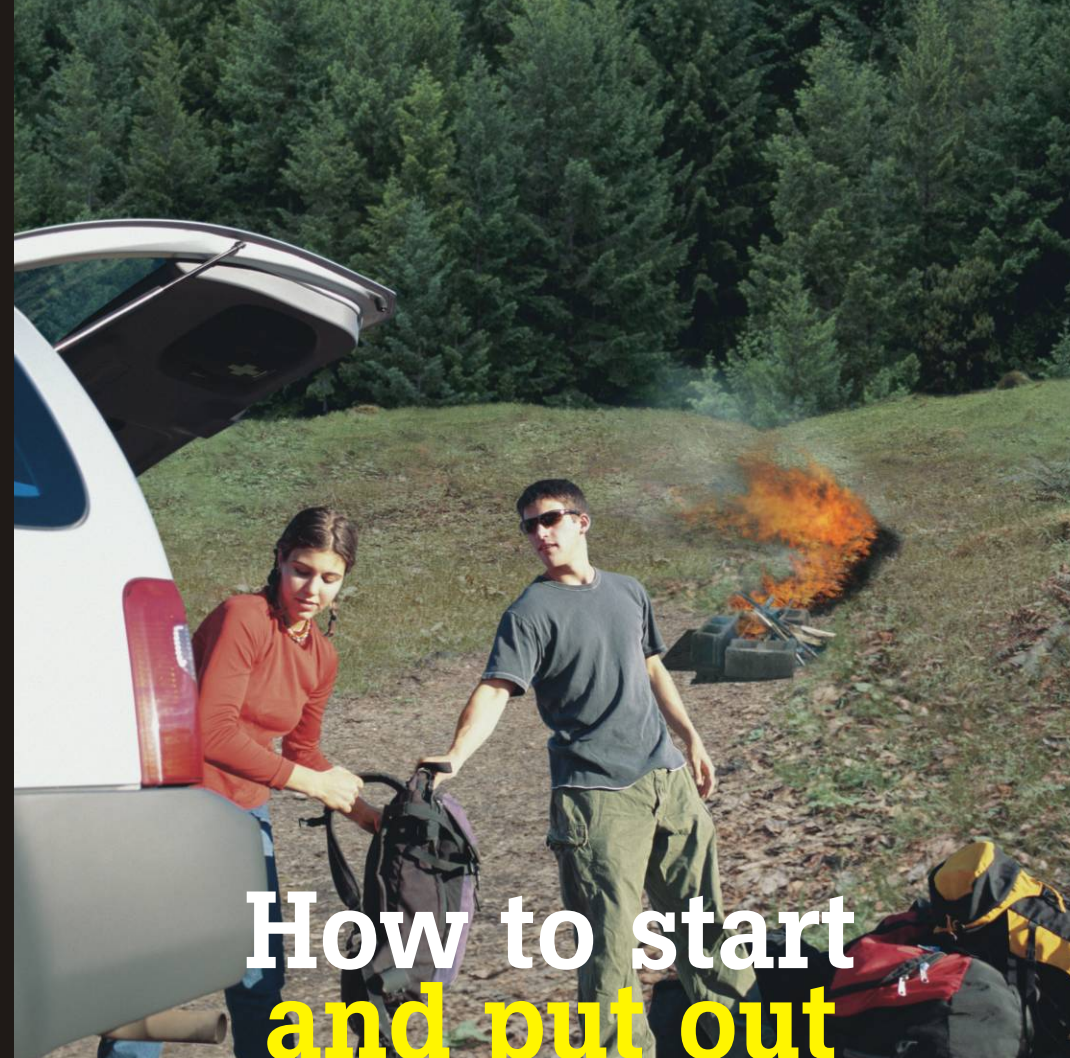




Remember, if your fire goes wild,
you may be liable for damages.
For other tips on fire safety, visit
www.se.gov.sk.ca or contact your local
Saskatchewan Environment office.

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



How to start and put out your campfire safely...

...all it takes is one spark for things to go wrong.



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Every year, provincial and municipal fire fighters have to put out a large number of wildfires started by campfires. Here are a few tips on campfire safety and to help you make sure your fire is out when you leave.

Location, Location, Location

- ▶ Use existing barbeques and fire pits provided in parks or recreation sites. When used properly, they are much safer than open fires on the ground. In provincial campgrounds or recreation sites, you must use these facilities where provided.
- ▶ When building a campfire in a remote site, build it on rock, clay or sand to prevent it from burning into roots or peat. Try to use areas where previous fires have been built.
- ▶ Clear away all surface debris within one-metre of your fire to prevent it from spreading.
- ▶ Campfires should be at least two metres from any log, stump, or tree.
- ▶ It should be at least five metres from any highly flammable materials such as brush piles or dry grass.

Rules of Thumb

- ▶ Keep your fire small - campfires do not need to be large to cook with or enjoy. Barbeques that are provided in campgrounds should not be piled with wood on top of the grate! A smaller fire is easier to contain and less likely to start a wildfire.
- ▶ Always keep your fire in sight - a spark or ember from your fire can easily fly out and quickly ignite nearby material.
- ▶ If it is very hot, dry or windy, **do not start a fire.**
- ▶ Watch for and obey all fire bans.

Be Prepared

- ▶ Have handy a shovel and a pail of water to put out your fire and any fire that may result from flying embers.

Make Sure it is Out!

- ▶ Pour water onto the fire and stir it into the coals and around the fire area with a stick. Use enough water to float the coals and totally soak the area.
- ▶ Roll back any rocks from around the fire and pour water in and around where they were.
- ▶ Check the coals for heat with your bare hand when you think it is out to make sure there are no hot areas.
- ▶ Make putting the fire out one of the first things you do when breaking camp. Put it out well in advance, so you can watch it for some time before you leave.
- ▶ **You are responsible for your campfire.** Make sure it doesn't go wild. For more information on wildfires in Saskatchewan, visit our website at: www.se.gov.sk.ca/fire

