

# Going Camping

## build a safe campfire



It's wildfire season. Don't be the reason!



# You can **never** be too **safe**

Sitting around a campfire is fun. Whether you're camping, hiking, berry picking or picnicking, be safe with your campfire. If your campfire starts a wildland fire, you could be fined and held responsible for the costs to put the fire out. Follow these safety tips for building a safe campfire!

## Check for any fire restrictions

- Be aware of current fire restrictions in your area.
- Visit [ontario.ca/forestfire](http://ontario.ca/forestfire).

## Choose a site carefully

- Find a site on bare rock or on an area free of combustible material.
- Build the fire where you have easy access to water and it is sheltered from high winds.

## Prepare the site

- Clear a 1 metre space around the site.
- Remove needles, grasses, leaves and twigs.
- Clear low overhanging branches.

## Keep the campfire small

- Fires must not exceed 1 metre in height and diameter.
- Small fires are easier to control.

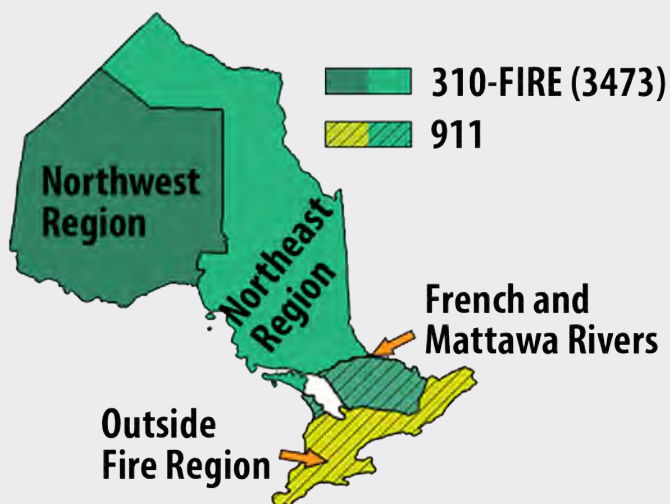
## Stay nearby to tend the fire

- Always have adult supervision.
- Keep a pail of water and shovel nearby.

## Put your campfire out

- Soak the campfire with water.
- Stir ashes with a stick to uncover hot coals and soak again with water.
- Make sure the fire is completely out.

## Report a wildland fire



## Did you know?

Ontario averages at least one wildland fire every day caused by unattended or unextinguished campfires.

