

# Cleaning your property



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



# Burn grass and woody debris safely

In the spring, there is an increased risk of wildland fires that are difficult to control. Grass and other vegetation dries quickly, ignites easily and can rapidly spread out of control. If your fire causes a wildland fire, you may be fined and held responsible for the cost of putting the fire out. Look for alternatives to burning.

## Compost or chip, don't burn

- After mowing or raking leaves, place in a compost bin.
- Chip your brush debris, and compost or use it as mulch.
- If you can't compost or chip your debris, consider taking the yard waste to a landfill site.

## If you must burn

- Be aware of current Restricted Fire Zones that may be in place. No outdoor fires are allowed during a Restricted Fire Zone.
- Check with your local municipality or township to see if there are local fire restrictions or by-laws in place for your area as well.

## Know the rules before you light

- Don't burn when it's windy.
- Keep at least 2 metres from flammable materials.
- Fire must be tended by an adult until it is extinguished.
- Light the fire no sooner than 2 hours before sunset, and put the fire out no later than 2 hours after sunrise. Day burning is not permitted.
- Keep the fire small. Piled materials must be a single pile, no more than 2 metres in height and diameter.
- Grass fires must be less than 1 hectare and the length of the flaming edge must be less than 30 metres.
- Incinerators must be enclosed, 5 m from a forested area, with a covered lid of 5 mm or less wire mesh.
- Always keep water and tools nearby to control the fire.



## Report a wildland fire

You can help protect Ontario's wildlands. If you see smoke or flames, or would like to report an unattended fire, call 310-FIRE (3473) north of the French and Mattawa rivers, or 911 if south of those rivers.

