

The FireSmart Yard

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.

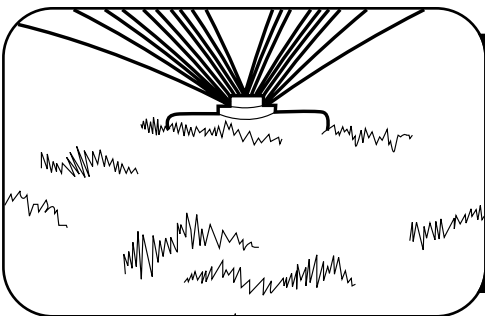
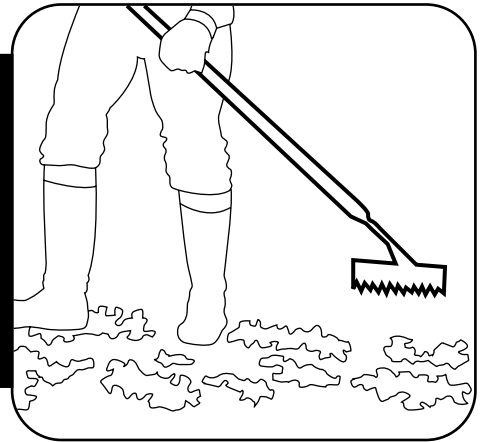
With awareness and responsible practices, we as individuals can make a difference by preventing fires from starting and protecting ourselves against fires. We can help to preserve and protect both our natural resources and our property.

The Ministry of 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.

All homes and outbuildings are potentially at risk from wildfires.

1. Create a 10 metre fire-resistant zone around your buildings

- remove coniferous trees, wood piles, brush and other flammable materials

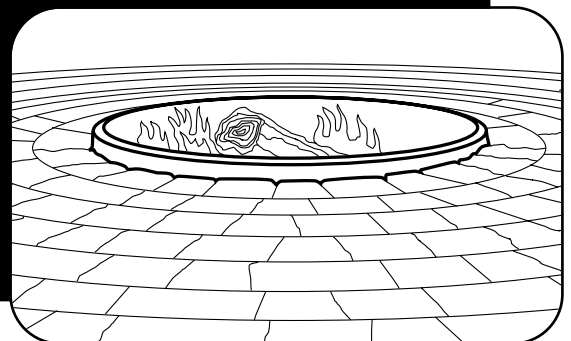


2. Water your lawn well

- a green lawn makes a good fire resistant barrier

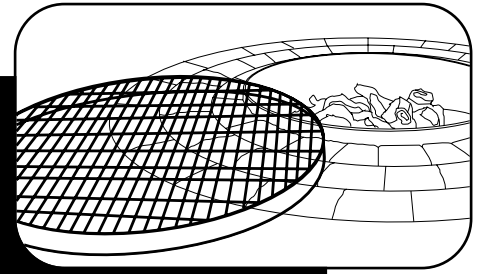
3. Construct your fire pit or burn barrel out of concrete blocks or metal

- place your fire barrel on mineral soil to help your fire from spreading
- clear all combustible materials within one metre of the fire pit or barrel



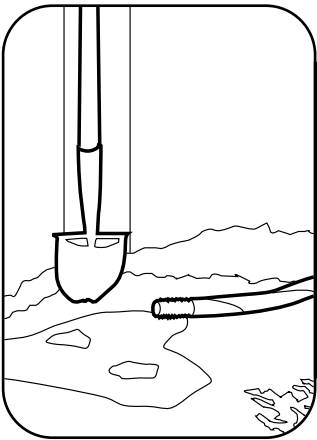
4. ■ Locate your fire pit or burn barrel three metres from any trees and cover it with an 8-16 millimetre screen

- embers from your fire can easily start a wildfire



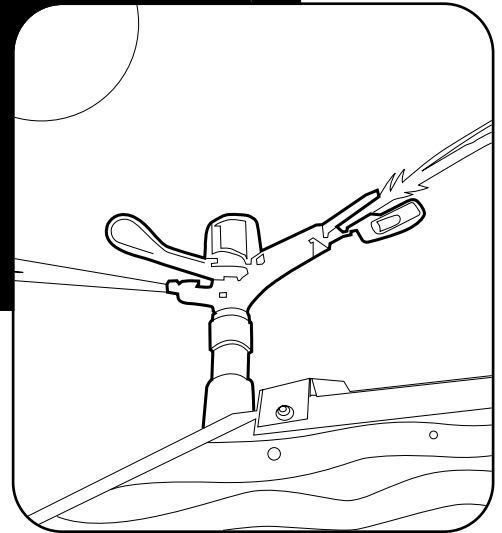
5. ■ Have a 30 metre garden hose attached to a water supply and a shovel on hand

- basic fire suppression tools can stop a fire from reaching your home



6. ■ Consider purchasing an exterior sprinkler system to mount on your roof

- one or two sprinkler heads on your roof connected to a fire pump with an outside water source can help your home survive a wildfire



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.saskatchewan.ca/fire or contact your local Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment office.

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