

Campfires

When camping, it is essential to take special care with flammable liquids and any open flame near tents. Before leaving a campsite, make sure the fire is properly extinguished – douse and stir the fire with water. Taking a little extra caution is well worth it on a camping trip – whether it is in the backyard or the open woods! Have fun while being safe.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Secure necessary permits to build a campfire.
- Scrape away grass and needles within a diameter of ten feet.
- Use a designated fire pit if available.
- Build your campfire or cooking fire downwind, far away from your tent.
- Have water readily available prior to building your fire.
- Never use a flammable liquid (especially gasoline) to start a fire or hot coals.
- Strictly observe all fire laws or ordinances and regulations.
- Adults should always supervise children around fires.
- When near campfires and grills, wear snug fitting, tightly woven, or short sleeve garments.
- Make certain that everyone knows how to put out a clothing fire: STOP, DROP, and ROLL.
- When cooking or roasting marshmallows, wear appropriate footwear and shoes – no sandals or open-toed shoes.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Before you leave your campsite, make sure the fire is properly extinguished. Douse it with water.
- An extinguisher of some type (e.g. a shovel, a bucket of water, or a fire extinguisher) is an essential piece of equipment for all campers.

FACTS AND FIGURES:

- Children should never build a fire, even with adult supervision.