

CAMPFIRE SAFETY TIPS:

Here are some key **campfire safety tips** to keep in mind to ensure a fun and safe experience outdoors:

□ Before You Light the Fire:

1. **Check Local Regulations:** Make sure campfires are allowed in the area and that no burn bans are in effect.
2. **Choose a Safe Location:** Use a designated fire pit or ring. If none are available, build your fire at least 15 feet away from tents, trees, shrubs, or anything flammable.
3. **Clear the Area:** Remove dry leaves, grass, and other flammable material within a 10-foot radius around the fire site.

□ While the Fire is Burning:

4. **Keep it Small:** A small, controlled fire is safer and easier to manage.
5. **Never Leave it Unattended:** Always have someone watching the fire, even if you're stepping away briefly.
6. **Supervise Kids and Pets:** Keep them at a safe distance from the flames and explain fire safety rules.
7. **Watch the Wind:** Be cautious of wind direction and strength, which can carry sparks and embers.
8. **Have Water and a Shovel Ready:** Keep a bucket of water or sand and a shovel nearby to control or extinguish the fire quickly if needed.

□ When You're Done:

9. **Completely Extinguish the Fire:**
 - Pour water on the fire.
 - Stir the ashes with a stick or shovel.
 - Pour more water until everything is cool to the touch.
10. **Never Bury the Fire:** Buried embers can smolder and reignite.

□ Bonus Tips:

- Use only **local firewood** to prevent the spread of pests.
- Avoid burning trash, plastics, or anything toxic.
- Don't burn on windy days.