

Fire Prevention Tips

Campfires

- **Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass and leaves.**
- **Surround your fire with rocks and build on a 10 foot-diameter circle of mineral soil.**
- **Keep plenty of water handy and have a shovel available for throwing dirt on the fire if it gets out of control.**
- **Start with dry twigs and small sticks, add larger sticks as the fire builds up.**
- **Put the largest pieces of wood on last, pointing them toward the center of the fire, gradually pushing them into the flames.**
- **Keep your fire small.**
- **Never leave your campfire unattended.**
- **Drown your fire with water, making sure all embers, coals and sticks are wet. Move rocks-there may be burning embers underneath.**
- **Stir the remains, add more water, and stir again.**
- **Feel the materials with your bare hands.**