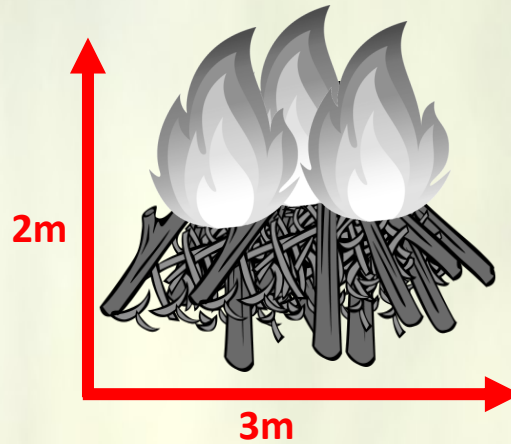
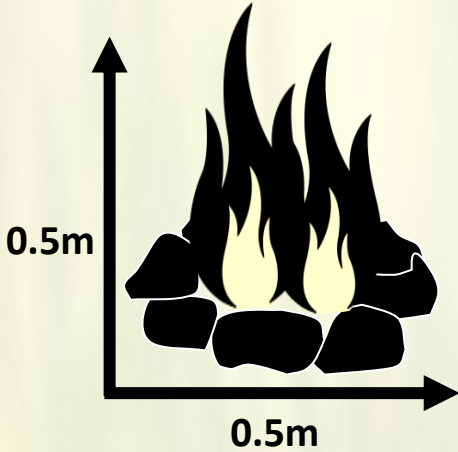


OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS

Info Sheet CATEGORY FIRES


CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE





CAMPFIRE:

- Any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide

REGULATIONS:

 You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit.


 Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.)


 You must build a fire guard around your campfire.


CATEGORY 2 FIRE:


- 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares

REGULATIONS:

 A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area.

 Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.


 Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.


 At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.


CATEGORY 3 FIRE:

- Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 1 or more burning windrows
- Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares


REGULATIONS:

 A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area.

 Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size.


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GENERAL REGULATIONS:

 Never burn in strong wind conditions



Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.

 Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.



Do not conduct Category 2 or Category 3 burns when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html

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