

# ONE SPARK IS ALL IT TAKES

## CHECK FIRE BANS BEFORE YOU BURN

Warm weather, dry grass, low humidity, and windy conditions can turn a small flame into a fast-moving wildfire in minutes. Even when conditions seem manageable, fire danger can remain high due to dry vegetation, drought conditions, or regional wildfire activity.

It is your responsibility to know what the current restrictions are for the area that you plan to visit.



### FIRE CONDITIONS CAN ESCALATE QUICKLY

Be aware of warning systems and fire danger information in your area:

- Fire danger ratings indicate how likely a wildfire is to start and spread based on current weather and environmental conditions.
- Burn restrictions or fire advisories may be issued when conditions become elevated and certain burning activities need to be limited.
- Fire bans are implemented when risk becomes severe and open flames are no longer permitted.

Restrictions can change rapidly and may vary by municipality, province, park, or campground — even within the same region. Always verify local requirements before starting a fire. Municipalities and local authorities often have the final say on whether open fires are permitted.

### BEFORE STARTING ANY OUTDOOR FIRE

- ✓ Check municipal, provincial, park, campground, or regional fire restrictions.
- ✓ Follow all posted signage and local regulations.
- ✓ Never assume a fire is allowed simply because others have one nearby.
- ✓ Remember that restrictions can vary by jurisdiction, even neighbouring areas may have different rules.
- ✓ Be aware that fire bans may apply to more than just campfires, including:
  - Burn barrels
  - Backyard fire pits
  - Fireworks
  - Outdoor wood-burning appliances
  - Certain charcoal or open-flame cooking devices



### IGNORING A FIRE BAN CAN LEAD TO:



Significant fines or penalties



Property damage or complete loss of structures



Environmental destruction and wildlife habitat loss



Injury or death to yourself, others, or emergency responders