



PREVENTION MESSAGE

Burning grass

Burning grass, **a habit to break!**

The habit of burning off dead grass in the spring has become less widespread. Unfortunately, every year in Quebec, this practice is still the cause of close to 20 forest fires, which burn an area the size of 60 football fields.

USELESS

Contrary to popular belief, burning grass does not in any way promote new vegetation growth. Part of the grass's nutrients go up in smoke. As a result, the soil becomes impoverished and our environment polluted.

HAZARDOUS

People who light grass fires are running a great risk. With this type of fuel, flames can spread very easily. One gust of wind and the fire could quickly become out of control and ...

- destroy an irreplaceable patch of forest;
- set fire to your house;
- burn a plantation.

COSTLY

In addition to causing material losses, grass fires mean suppression costs for the municipality's fire department or for SOPFEU.

You could even be forced to pay suppression costs or damages caused to a third party.



**Burning grass is PROHIBITED
by most municipalities**

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