



PREVENTION MESSAGE

For both the young ...and not so young

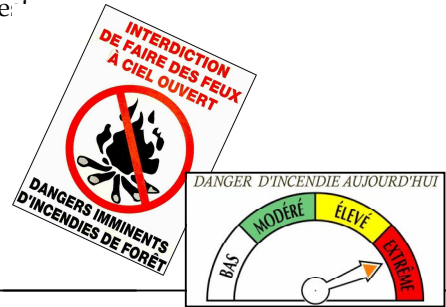
You can have fun without playing with fire!

The end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation are occasions to have fun around a bonfire. If made on the spur of the moment, bonfires can become a threat for the forest.

Before lighting a fire, THINK FIRST!

- Is there a "ban on open fires in or near the forest" in effect?
- Does your municipality allow open fires?
- What is the fire danger today?

If you are allowed to light a bonfire, DON'T SKIP ANY STEPS!



1. Get it ready

- Choose a cleared area, away from trees, buildings, electrical wires and, preferably, close to water.
- Clear the ground to the bare soil.
- Make the fire small.
- Have the wood to feed the fire nearby.



2. Keep an eye on it

- Keep a close eye on your fire at all times. Putting someone responsible in charge is an excellent way to do this.
- Have water and hand tools nearby, to be used if necessary.



3. Put it out

- Pour lots of water on the fire.
- Stir the embers to make sure everything is wet.
- Wait a few minutes.
- Would you put your hand in the fire?
- If you answered no, repeat the above steps... twice rather than once!
- Finally, cover the ashes with sand or earth.



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