



Emergency Services Notice

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Safety Tips for Controlled Burns

Tsilhqot'in Territory: Controlled burns are useful, but can become a runaway wildfire risk. The Tsilhqot'in National Government urges caution and proper safety measures when conducting any outdoor burning. Here are some safety tips.

1. Share your plan with others so that resources can be on hand and prepared to prevent a loss of control of the fire.
2. Keep an eye on the weather. Do not burn in windy or hot weather conditions.
3. Identify or create fireguards. Create a boundary and clear away any debris such as twigs, grass or leaves. A road, driveway or pond are good fireguards.
4. Wear proper clothes. Polyester and nylon burn quickly. Cotton and wool clothes are safer.
5. Have the proper tools on site. Hand tools can help create fireguards such as shovels, rakes and leaf blowers. Make sure you are close to a water source such as a garden hose.
6. Never leave a fire unattended.
7. Make sure the fire is fully extinguished, and ashes are cold to touch before leaving the area.

More Information

For more information on controlled burning regulations, please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/air-pollution/smoke-burning/ventilation-index>

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: <http://www.bcwildfire>.

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