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**Campfire Safety**

Use water to make sure your fire is completely extinguished. Do not use soil. Fires can still smoulder under soil and can stay hot for more than eight hours.

**SOAK IT. STIR IT. SOAK IT AGAIN.**

Make sure your campfire is out.

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**YOUR FIRE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

At all times register your fire by freecalling 1800 000 699

**fire.tas.gov.au**

In an emergency dial triple zero 000 or if a TTY user call 106
Fire use checklist

- **Fire permit periods**
  - Electric BBQ: if cleared around for 3 metres
  - Gas BBQ: if cleared around for 3 metres
  - Incinerator: if cleared around for 3 metres
  - Campfires: permit required
  - Burning heads: permit required
  - Burning land: permit required

- **Total fire bans**
  - Days of Total Fire Ban are advertised in daily newspapers, on television and radio and on the TFS website.
  - On Days of Total Fire Ban, all outdoor fires are banned except electric stoves and barbecues, and gas stoves and barbecues provided there are no fire weather conditions.
  - Other barbecues and portable stoves including those that use wood, charcoal or other solid or liquid fuel be banned. Work practices such as grinding, welding and cutting in the open are not permitted.

- **All other times**
  - A fire must not be:
    - Allowed to escape from your land.
    - Lit and allowed to endanger other than yours, including public land.
  - The fires below must comply with the following:
    - Campfires, barbecues and incinerators must:
      - Be at least 3 metres away from overhanging branches, stumps, logs and trees and other flammable material.
      - Not be lit on peat soils or grassed sand dunes.
      - Have someone stay with the fire until it is completely extinguished.
  - You should also ensure that you:
    - Do not burn man-made materials such as tyres, plastics and paints.
    - Comply with any Environmental Regulations or Council By-laws which may have additional restrictions for incinerators and heap fires.
    - Obey all signs in National Parks and other reserves that may restrict where camp fires may be lit.
    - Only burn domestic garden refuse in incinerators or heaps. Incinerators should be constructed to prevent the escape of burning material and sparks.
    - Have enough water close to the fire to be able to put out or prevent it from spreading.
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- **Fire permit officer**
  - Call the Tasmania Fire Service on:
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Every year a small number of fires costs the Tasmanian community dearly. Some of these fires escape from smaller fires that were not for good reasons. If people are more careful with fire the loss and damage to properties, property and the environment can be greatly reduced.

What happens if my fire gets out of control?

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As long as you have met all the conditions on your permit and have taken all reasonable steps to keep the fire on your property, you will not be liable for any damage caused by the fire.

PREPARE • ACT • SURVIVE
**Fire use checklist**

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During the Fire Permit Period, fires are not banned but are allowed where there are good opportunities to safely use fire for land management purposes. However, conditions are placed on the use of certain fires in the open.

Permit periods are usually in force during the dry summer period from November to March, although this will vary from year to year depending on the dryness of the vegetation and the fire danger.

**When do I need a fire permit?**

You need a fire permit for the burning of vegetation at all times during a declared Fire Permit Period regardless of the weather conditions. You do not need a permit for barbecues, campfires or incinerators provided you comply with the conditions associated with their use. To get a permit you simply have to contact your local Fire Permit Officer (permits are free).

**What's in a fire permit?**

Your permit will contain conditions to increase the safety of the fire. You may only be allowed to burn during specified weather and with certain equipment available. You will need to notify the Tasmania Fire Service when you intend to light your fire and may also be required to notify your neighbours.

**How do I contact my local fire permit officer?**

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The use of machinery for harvesting etc., may be subject to restrictions or prohibited on the declaration of a total fire ban. All fire permits are automatically suspended.

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