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- Keep all moving parts lubricated and fluids at the proper levels.
- Shut off the engine and allow it to cool before refueling.
- Don't overfill fuel tanks.
- Carry a 5-pound, ABC-rated fire extinguisher, a shovel, 5 gallons of water and a blanket to use in case of a wildfire.

GENERAL FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

- DO NOT throw smoking material out of vehicle windows.
- DO NOT smoke while walking through dry grass.
- DO NOT use stoves, grills, gas lanterns or candles inside tents.
- Keep flammable liquids away from any open flames.
- Keep all litter picked up and disposed of properly.
- Thoroughly extinguish your campfire if the weather becomes windy.

IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO

- Carry a cellular phone with you at all times.
- Carry a GPS unit.
- Carry a complete First-Aid kit.

IN CASE OF FIRE

- Know your location and the location of the nearest telephone.
- Send someone to call the fire department and then lead them to you.
- If the fire is small, attempt to extinguish it yourself but DO NOT place yourself in danger.
- Stay calm!

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Smokey Says...

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Every year thousands of Nebraskans escape the hustle of daily life by heading to the great outdoors. As Nebraska's wildland guardian, Smokey Bear wants to remind everyone of some simple fire prevention rules that, when followed, will preserve our valuable natural resources.



CAMP SITE

Select a site:

- with easy access to water;
- sheltered from the prevailing winds;
- free of overhanging tree limbs and
- large enough to allow plenty of space between tents and campfires.

Remember to place your tent or RV upwind of your campfire. If camping in an RV, park only in areas that are clear of vegetation.



To keep your campfire safe, always build it downwind of your tent or RV in an area that is clear of vegetation and other flammable materials. Remember to fully extinguish the fire before leaving your campsite or going to bed.

CAMPFIRES

If campfires are permitted locally:

- Use only designated campfire areas (if provided).
- Clear an area at least 15 feet surrounding your tent and/or any buildings.
- Clear ground cover to bare dirt at least 5 feet in all directions from the campfire.
- Place campfire downwind of your tent or RV.
- Keep your campfire small.
- Never leave campfires unattended.
- Fully extinguish your campfire with water before leaving the area or going to bed.
- Stack extra firewood at least 15 feet from the campfire.

CAMP COOKING

- Place your grill or stove on a solid level surface to prevent tipping.
- Place your grill or stove at least 5 feet away from any combustible materials.
- Place your grill or stove downwind of people, tents and/or buildings.
- Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start your grill charcoal.
- Use only enough charcoal for the amount of cooking you will be doing.
- Don't allow cooking oil to get too hot and ignite.
- Use hot pads or mitts to pick up pans.
- Cook only over low coals and not flames.
- Have a bucket of water nearby just in case.
- Always use long-handled barbecue tools.
- Always fully extinguish coals when leaving the camp site or at the end of the day.



The high temperatures of exhaust systems and catalytic converters can ignite vegetation. Remember to avoid driving through tall grass, unharvested crops or CRP fields and to park your vehicle in an area that is clear of vegetation.

USE OF VEHICLES

Four-wheel drive and all-terrain vehicles are sometimes needed to access remote hunting or fishing spots. However, these vehicles can cause wildfires if not used properly.

- Before leaving on a trip, thoroughly check exhaust systems on your vehicle.
- Drive only on established roads.
- Park your vehicle in a clear area to avoid igniting dry vegetation with the exhaust system.
- Do not drive through tall grass, unharvested crops or CRP fields.
- Install approved spark arrestors on ATV engines.