

**Wildfires are unplanned fires that burn in natural areas like forests, grasslands or prairies. These dangerous fires spread quickly and can devastate not only wildlife and natural areas, but also communities.**



A campfire can be one of the best parts of a getaway, whether on the beach or your own backyard. Burning leaves, brush, tree trimming, etc. is done by many for yard cleanup. Just don't forget your responsibility to maintain and extinguish all fires to prevent wildfires.

### **TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE BURNS**

A Burn Permit is required for burning of leaves, brush, trees trimmings by calling the Fire Department at (989) 856-9198. Leave your name, address, phone number and schedule date of burn.

Never cut whole trees or branches, dead or alive. Live materials will not burn and dead standing trees are often home to birds and other wildlife.

NEVER leave the fire unattended.

To extinguish the fire, pour lots of water; drown all embers, not just the red ones. Pour until the hissing sound stops. If you do not have water, stir dirt or sand into the embers with a shovel to bury the fire. Continue adding water, dirt or sand and stir with a shovel until all material is cool.

REMEMBER, if it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.