

Types of Open Fire

CATEGORY 2

A “category 2 open fire” means an open fire, other than a category 1 campfire, that burns:

- material in one pile not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- material concurrently in two piles each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares.

Ensure someone is always monitoring the fire so it doesn't spread. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.

Have an adequate fire suppression system available at the burn site for fire control if the fire escapes.

Establish and maintain a fuel break around each area to be burned. If the fire spreads beyond the fuel break, the person who lit, fueled or used the open fire must:

- carry out fire control immediately,
- extinguish the fire if practicable, and
- report the fire to a ministry official, peace officer or fire emergency response agency as soon as possible.

✓ Always check for open fire prohibitions or restrictions before engaging in any activity that could potentially cause a wildfire.

⚠️ Ensure you comply with the Environmental Management Act and Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.

🚫 Do not burn when venting conditions are poor or fair.

🚶 Do not leave the fire unattended for any amount of time.

🔥 The person who lights or maintains the fire must ensure that the fire is fully extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

⚠️ Anyone found in violation of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined up to \$1 million, be sentenced up to 1 year in jail as well and be responsible for all fire fighting and associated costs.

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