

Domestic Brush Burning and Campfires

Restrictions apply March 15 to October 15



Check the online

Burning Restrictions Map

at novascotia.ca/burnsafe

No burning between 8am and 2pm
Restrictions are set at 2pm daily

Map is updated daily to show where burning is:

ALLOWED
between 2pm
and 8am
*(GREEN
areas)*

ALLOWED
only at certain
times
*(YELLOW
areas)*

NOT ALLOWED
(campfires and
brush burning)
for your safety
(RED areas)

Please note: Check municipal bylaws first.



Save your
brush over
summer to burn
in winter
when
wildfire
risk is low.

Burning restrictions apply
to: domestic brush and
campfires. A PERMIT IS
STILL REQUIRED if
burning is for:

industrial land clearing,
agriculture, building
construction, blueberry
crops. See local office.




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When can I burn?

Check novascotia.ca/burnsafe
or 1 855 564 2876 (BURN) for
daily burning restrictions.

Campfire Safety



When campfires escape, they can destroy valuable resources, habitat and homes.

75%

of the province is covered by forests

17

campfires is the annual average reported number that cause wildfires*

270

hectares is the average area of land destroyed per year*



Building Choose a safe site

STEP ONE:



Is burning allowed?

Check the daily burn restrictions at novascotia.ca/burnsafe or 1 855 564 2876



Use a fire pit if available or build on bare rock, soil/sand



Keep a 3 metre clearance around and above your fire



Prepare the site by scraping the ground down to bare soil (1m radius)

Burning

Doing it safely

Campfires should be less than 0.5m high x 0.5m wide. Small hot fires are easier to cook over and put out. Use fire starters, kindling and dry wood.



Never leave your campfire unattended



Keep a pail of water and a shovel nearby



Watch children and pets around fire



If it's windy, do not have a campfire

Extinguishing

Cold to the touch means you're done

Always put out your campfire before leaving the area. Your fire is out when the ash doesn't hiss, no smoke comes from the ashes and the remnants are cold to the touch.



Pour a lot of water on it



Stir in the water with a stick or shovel



Add water and stir until the ash is cold to the touch



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To learn more visit novascotia.ca/campsafe.

*Reported Nova Scotia average.