

NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER

FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY 2

HERE'S A HOT TOPIC ABOUT OUR WILDLANDS AND LIVING WITH THE NATURAL ROLE OF WILDLAND FIRE.

IN MANY COMMUNITIES, PEOPLE PREFER TO DISPOSE OF DEBRIS BY BURNING IT. TAKE SOME SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKE SURE YOUR FIRE DOESN'T BECOME YOUR NEIGHBOR'S PROBLEM OR A RISK TO WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS. KNOW THE WEATHER CONDITIONS, ESPECIALLY THE WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION, AND BURN WOODY SLASH, DITCH BANKS, GARBAGE AND LEAVES ONLY WHEN THE CONDITIONS ARE SAFE. COVER YOUR BURN BARRELS WITH A SCREEN. AND KEEP A SHOVEL AND HOSE OR A WATER SOURCE NEARBY. A LITTLE PREPARATION CAN KEEP YOU AND THE WILDLANDS FROM GETTING BURNED.

THIS HOT TOPIC IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE TERESA AND H. JOHN HEINZ III FOUNDATION. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NATURAL ROLE OF FIRE – HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOMES – AND GET THE LATEST FIRE UPDATES. VISIT THE NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER WEB SITE AT NIF-SEE-DOT-GOV. THAT'S N-I-F-C-DOT-GOV.