

NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER

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

FARMERS AND GARDENERS MAY USE FIRE TO BURN OFF FIELDS OR WEEDS. IF YOU'RE PLANNING A TO USE FIRE, BE PREPARED. BEFORE DOING ANY BURNING, BE SURE YOU KNOW THE WEATHER AND WIND CONDITIONS. YOU MAY NEED A PERMIT SO THERE'S NO WILDLAND FIRE FALSE ALARMS. BE SURE YOU HAVE A NEARBY SOURCE OF WATER, A BUCKET AND A SHOVEL FOR TOSSING DIRT ON THE FIRE. IF POSSIBLE, CREATE A FIRE LINE BY CLEARING ALL DEBRIS FROM AROUND THE FIRE. ATTEND YOUR FIRE UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY OUT. FIRE IS A TOOL – TREAT IT WITH CARE.

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