

Summer Fire Safety

Who doesn't love a campfire/firepit on a starry summer night with friends and family? It is important to be responsible with fire and abide by Association Rules & Regulations.

Campfires & Firepits

Campfires are not to be burned directly on the ground in Arrowhead Lake. Campfires must be elevated off the ground, either in a fire pit like the one pictured or in a more permanent elevated fire ring, with a screen to contain sparks.



- Make sure there are no burn bans and it's not too windy.
- After lighting, throw the match into the fire.
- Never cut whole trees or branches, dead or alive. Live materials won't burn and dead standing trees – called “snags” – are often homes for birds and other wildlife.
- Once you have a strong fire going, add larger pieces of dry wood to keep it burning steadily.
- Never put anything but wood into the fire.
- Keep your fire to a manageable size.
- Make sure children and pets are supervised near the fire. Never leave your campfire unattended.
- Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible.
- Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby.

In 2019, 87% of wildfires were caused by humans.

(source: nifc.gov)

Fire Safety Around the House

Help protect your home and stop the spread of wildland fires by following these eight steps:

- Keep flammable objects (lawn mowers, oil or gas cans, propane tanks and wood piles) at least 30 feet away from the home at all times. Move flammables, such as lawn furniture and toys, during wildfire activity.
- Keep roofs, gutters, decks and patios clear of leaves, pine needles or other flammables at all times.
- Remove flammable mulch and vegetation within 5 feet of the home and replace with nonflammable material.
- Remove tree or shrub branches that overhang within 10 feet of your house, roof or chimney.
- Keep lawns watered and mowed, or if water-conserving, make sure debris is removed within 30 feet of home.
- Trim tree limbs 10 feet above the ground (these are called ladder fuels).
- Install 1/8-inch metal mesh screens over vents and under decks to prevent ember intrusion.

Go to [Firewise.org](https://www.firewise.org) or [LivingWithFire.info](https://www.livingwithfire.info) to learn more about how to prepare your home for wildfire.

