

WHEN BURNING



Never leave a fire unattended

Always keep a close watch on ongoing fires. Remember to not leave the area unattended after you finish the burning. Unexpected gusts of wind can easily reignite hidden embers.



Never burn alone

More people present reduce the risk of undetected fire spread and ensures additional help during unforeseen events.



Start burning activities only after the daily risk peak

Wait to ignite until after the highest expected fire risk of the day has passed. This is usually in the afternoon.

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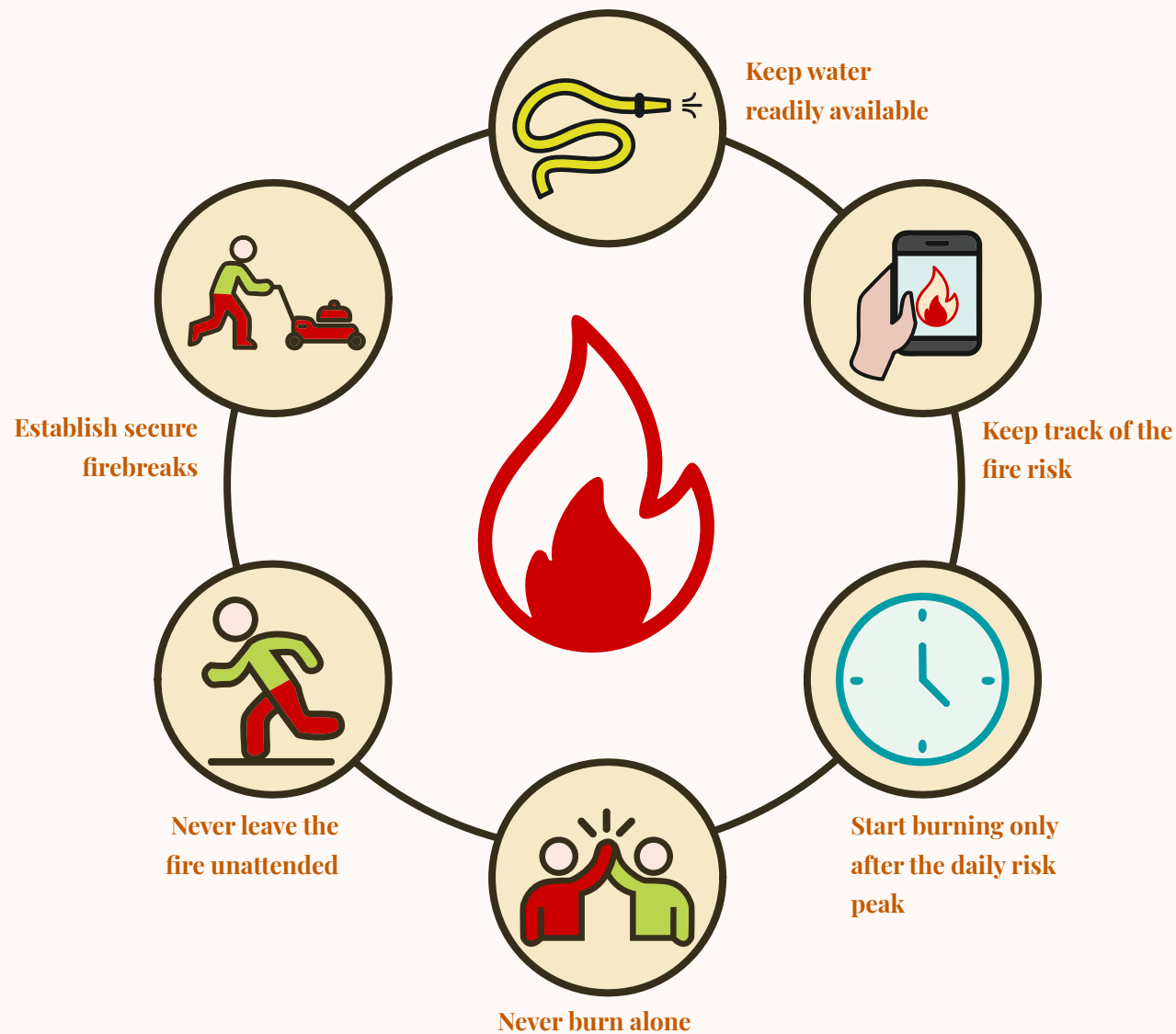
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BACKGROUND

On average, many buildings are ignited and several people are annually injured in North European wildfires. Most of these accidents occur from unexpected events during burning of garden residues or last season's dry grass.

Through safe burning practices and simple precautions, you can reduce the risk of fire spread and serious consequences.



PRECAUTIONS



Do you need to burn?

It is sometimes easier to bring your garden residue to a recycling centre.



Check the local regulations

Your municipality can inform you on the rules applicable to your area.



Keep track of fire risk and local fire ban

Before burning, check the current fire risk and any fire ban in your area. Never burn in strong winds.



Establish firebreaks around the burn area

Ensure a safe boundary around the entire burn area to prevent further spread, even when burning in a steel barrel. Safe boundaries include roads, gravel, short grass or other non-combustible areas. Pay extra attention to ditches, where tall grass can convey the flames.



Keep water readily available from a hose

Before burning, ensure water availability from a hose, not just buckets and watering cans. Additional suitable equipment includes rakes and rose watering cans. The hose should be positioned outside the burn area, able to reach the entire perimeter, and turned on from the start.