

Tree-Safe Backyard Fire Checklist

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Before You Light Up

1 Pick an open spot

Away from trunks, low branches, fences, and the house.

2 Measure the clearance

Use safe minimums; add more for bigger fires or wind.

3 Protect the ground

Non-combustible base, never bare soil over roots or dry grass.

4 Clear the overhead

Open sky above the fire, no branches reaching over.

Stay Safe and Save the Tree

1 Prune hazards first

Deal with dead limbs and overhang before fire season.

2 Mind the wind

Skip the fire on gusty nights when embers can drift.

3 Keep water ready

A hose or extinguisher within reach at all times.

4 Fully extinguish

Douse and stir ashes cold; smoldering can flare hours later.

5 Water heat-stressed trees

Deep, slow soaks and mulch through the hottest months.

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