



# Visit Tuolumne County 9 FIRE SAFETY STEPS

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MAKE SURE YOUR  
**CHAINS**  
ARE  
*Safely Stowed*

AND NOT DRAGGING FROM YOUR VEHICLE

Sparks from chains are perhaps the county's most significant wildfire risk.

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*Don't Park*  
**A HOT CAR OVER  
DRY GRASS** 

The heat from your car could easily start a fire.

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**ONLY HAVE** *Campfires*  
IN  
**DESIGNATED AREAS** 

Know the regulations for your location. If you're not sure, please refrain from starting a campfire.

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*Properly*  
**EXTINGUISH  
CAMPFIRES**   
BY DRENCHING THEM IN **WATER**

Even if a campfire looks extinguished, there could be embers. Use the "drown, stir and feel" method.

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KEEP **WIND**  
CONDITIONS IN MIND  
BEFORE HAVING A CAMPFIRE

It may be too windy to safely start one.

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**DON'T BURN**  
*Food & Trash*  
**IN A CAMPFIRE**

It's an unnecessary risk that can easily be avoided.

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 **DISCARD  
CIGARETTES  
& CIGARETTE BUTTS**  
*Properly*

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*Watch the*  
**AIR QUALITY &  
PRESCRIBED FIRE INFORMATION  
HERE**

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*Get a Campfire*  
**PERMIT**   
**HERE**

or from a CAL FIRE, U.S. Forest Service or BLM station if necessary

# MORE FIRE SAFETY TIPS

**In an emergency,  
CALL 9-1-1**

Caring for Tuolumne County can only be done together. It's the only sure way to preserve this beautiful area and prevent the very real devastation that comes from wildfires. For the safety of all, please keep these fire safety tips in mind when living in or visiting the area. Also, have an emergency plan and follow any evacuation orders.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND NUMBERS

**Sign up for Emergency Alerts  
Click here to Sign Up**

- Tuolumne County Sheriff's Dept.: 209-533-5855
- City of Sonora Police Dept.: 209-532-8143
- Should a fire or other emergency occur, tune your radio to a local station (FM 92.7, FM 93.5, FM 102.7 or AM 1450) for updates.
- View Tuolumne County's Wildfire Preparedness Video [Here](#)

## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EQUIPMENT USE

Please use extreme caution during dry conditions and follow all laws regarding open fires, equipment use, and recreational activities.

### When Having a BBQ or Using a Fireplace:

- Ensure there is 10 feet of clearance around your BBQ.
- Dispose of ash in a metal container with a lid away from any flammable materials.
- Ashes may take several days to cool completely in the can. Do not discard them until they are cool enough to touch.

### When Using Equipment:

- Ensure your equipment is in good working order and that you are using it correctly. Mow before 10 am, and never on windy days.
- All gas-powered equipment (ATV's, generators, motocross bikes, weed eaters, lawn mowers, etc.) require a spark arrestor. Check your equipment prior to use to ensure your spark arrestor is installed and is clean and serviceable.

### When Target Shooting:

- Shoot in areas free of vegetation.
- Use safe targets, such as paper or clay pigeons, as steel targets or rocks may throw sparks into nearby vegetation.
- Have a shovel and fire extinguisher on hand in case a fire does spark.