



## 2. Collect wood and help build a fire

You will need an adult to supervise and help you. No fire lighting unless an adult knows what is happening.

You need to start by collecting your firewood. You can collect wood from your local surroundings however check for restrictions that are in place. Collect only fallen branches and nothing from standing trees.

Divide up into the below categories.

1. Tinder- small twigs, dry leaves, needles, bark, paper or even Doritos can work. All dry and will light up immediately.
  2. Kindling- small sticks.
  3. Firewood- fuel that gets the fire going, small at first then getting bigger.
- Chose the site for your fire, a clear area, no overhanging tree branches, not near bushes.

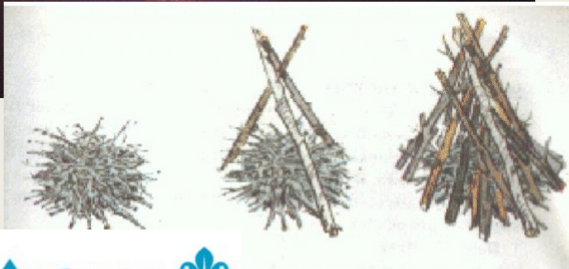
Create a fire ring from stones.

Do not light a fire too close to cliff faces.

Gathered firewood to be kept away from the fire.

Start to build your fire with the tinder in a central heap, lay the kindling in a crisscrossing pattern. Your fire needs air, fuel and heat, air needs to circulate. See the teepee fire below as an idea. I started my fire in a fire pit. I leave a gap at the base to light it with a long lighter or match. You will need to get an adult to light this for you.

As the fire gets going add firewood. Never leave your fire unattended and make sure your fire is out. I keep a bucket of water next to me.



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- the beginnings of your fire