



# FOREST FUEL MANAGEMENT

REDUCING THE RISK OF WILDFIRE



## What Is Forest Fuel Management?

Forest fuel management is the reduction of the fuel available to burn in a **wildfire**. Fuel management can't eliminate wildfire risk, but it can reduce the probability of intense wildfires and in many cases make it easier to suppress a fire that is ignited.

## How Is Forest Fuel Management Done?

Three common approaches to forest fuel management are: chipping and grinding, firewood programs, and pile burning.

When pile burning is the best option, the Ministry of Environment's **Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation** allows burning only when the forecast Ventilation Index is sufficient to disperse smoke.



## What are the Benefits of Forest Fuel Management?

- Lower wildfire risk and increased public safety
- Effective site preparation for optimal reforestation
- Improved ecosystem management
- Supports air quality and climate action targets by reducing the risk of large, intense wildfires

## Did You Know?

When pile burning is done to manage forest fuels, it is done in the Fall when the risk of wildfire is low, thanks to cooler, wetter weather.



## Learn More

To learn more about Forest Fuel Management, visit [www.pfla.bc.ca](http://www.pfla.bc.ca).

