EQUIPMENT SAFETY
Practice Using Equipment Safely

LEARN HOW TO USE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT PROPERLY TO HELP KEEP FROM SPARKING A WILDFIRE:

MOWING
- Mow before 10 a.m. but never when it's windy or excessively dry.
- Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, not weeds or dry grass.
- Metal blades striking rocks can create sparks and start fires.

SPARK ARRESTERS
- In wildland areas, spark arresters are required on all portable gasoline-powered equipment. This includes tractors, harvesters, chainsaws, weed eaters, and mowers.
- Keep the exhaust system, spark arresters, and mower in proper working order and free of carbon buildup.
- Use the recommended grade of fuel and don't top it off.

EQUIPMENT USE
- Keep a shovel and a fire extinguisher ready to use.
- In wildland areas, grinding and welding operations require a permit and 10-feet of clearance.
- Don't drive your vehicle onto dry grass or brush. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can start fires that you won't even see—until it's too late!
- Keep a cell phone nearby and call 911 immediately in case of fire.

TERRAIN
- To protect water quality, do not clear vegetation near waterways to bare soil.
- Vegetation removal can cause soil erosion, especially on steep slopes.
- Keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

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