



LEAVING YOUR CAMPSITE SAFELY

A 60-second fire check can protect the entire festival

IF IT IS HOT, GLOWING, CHARGING OR BURNING - DO NOT WALK AWAY

Whether you are heading to the stages for an hour or packing up for home, leave your campsite cold, clear and safe. A quick check prevents unattended heat, sparks and embers from turning into a fire after everyone has walked away.

Make one person responsible

Before the group leaves, choose one responsible, unimpaired person to complete the fire-safety check. Never assume someone else turned off the stove or dealt with the cigarettes. That person should be the last to leave and should physically confirm each heat source is safe.

Shut down the cooking area

Turn off the burner and fuel valve according to the manufacturer's instructions. Never leave a Jetboil or propane camp stove operating, even for a minute. Allow the stove, cookware and windscreen to cool completely before moving or packing them. Remove paper, grease and food packaging from the area. Store fuel canisters upright, outside the tent, shaded from direct sun and separated from hot equipment and vehicles.

Remove every ember and smoking hazard

Wicked Woods prohibits campfires and unauthorized open flames. Do not leave incense, candles, mosquito coils or any smouldering product at camp. Fully extinguish cigarette butts in a pocket ashtray or lidded metal container and confirm they are cold. Check around chairs, tent entrances and dry grass for dropped butts - never flick, bury or leave one on the ground.

Check batteries, fuel and electrical gear

Do not leave devices charging unattended. If a battery or power bank is hot, swollen, damaged, leaking, smoking or giving off an unusual smell, do not handle it; move people away and report it to festival staff. Keep devices out of direct sun and off soft bedding that can trap heat. Do not leave fuel in a tent or beside a stove, charger or hot vehicle.

Secure the campsite before you go

Pick up loose paper, cardboard and garbage that could blow onto a hot surface. Keep access lanes and tent exits clear. Look, smell and listen: check for smoke, heat, hissing fuel, sparks or an unusual odour. If the wind has increased or conditions feel unsafe, do not use cooking equipment until the hazard has passed.

Before driving away

Walk around and look underneath the vehicle for dry grass, leaks or anything smouldering. Never idle, park or drive over tall or dry grass; hot exhaust systems, catalytic converters and brakes can ignite vegetation. Turn recreational propane off at the tank before travel, and secure trailer chains and hardware so nothing drags and throws sparks. Follow festival staff and use designated routes only.

If you find smoke or fire, stop and report it

Do not leave the area without warning others. Alert festival crew or security immediately and call 911 for an immediate threat. In B.C., report a wildfire or column of smoke at *5555 on a cellphone or 1-800-663-5555. Move people upwind and attempt to extinguish only a very small fire when it is safe and you have a clear escape route.

THE COLD CHECK: Cooking OFF | Open flames NONE | Lithium gear SAFE | Dry grass CLEAR

Guidance: Wicked Woods Code of Conduct | BC Wildfire Service. Festival rules and current restrictions always take priority.