

DEBRIS BURNING SAFETY

TIPS TO PREVENT WILDFIRES



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CHECK REGULATIONS

Before conducting any debris burning, check with local authorities or fire departments for current regulations and restrictions.



Obtain any necessary permits and follow the guidelines provided.

CHOOSE SAFE CONDITIONS



Burn debris only during safe weather conditions.

Avoid windy days, and check for any fire weather warnings or restrictions in your area.

Ideal conditions include calm winds and higher humidity.

CLEAR THE AREA

Create a safe zone around the burning area by clearing away dry leaves, grass, and other flammable materials.

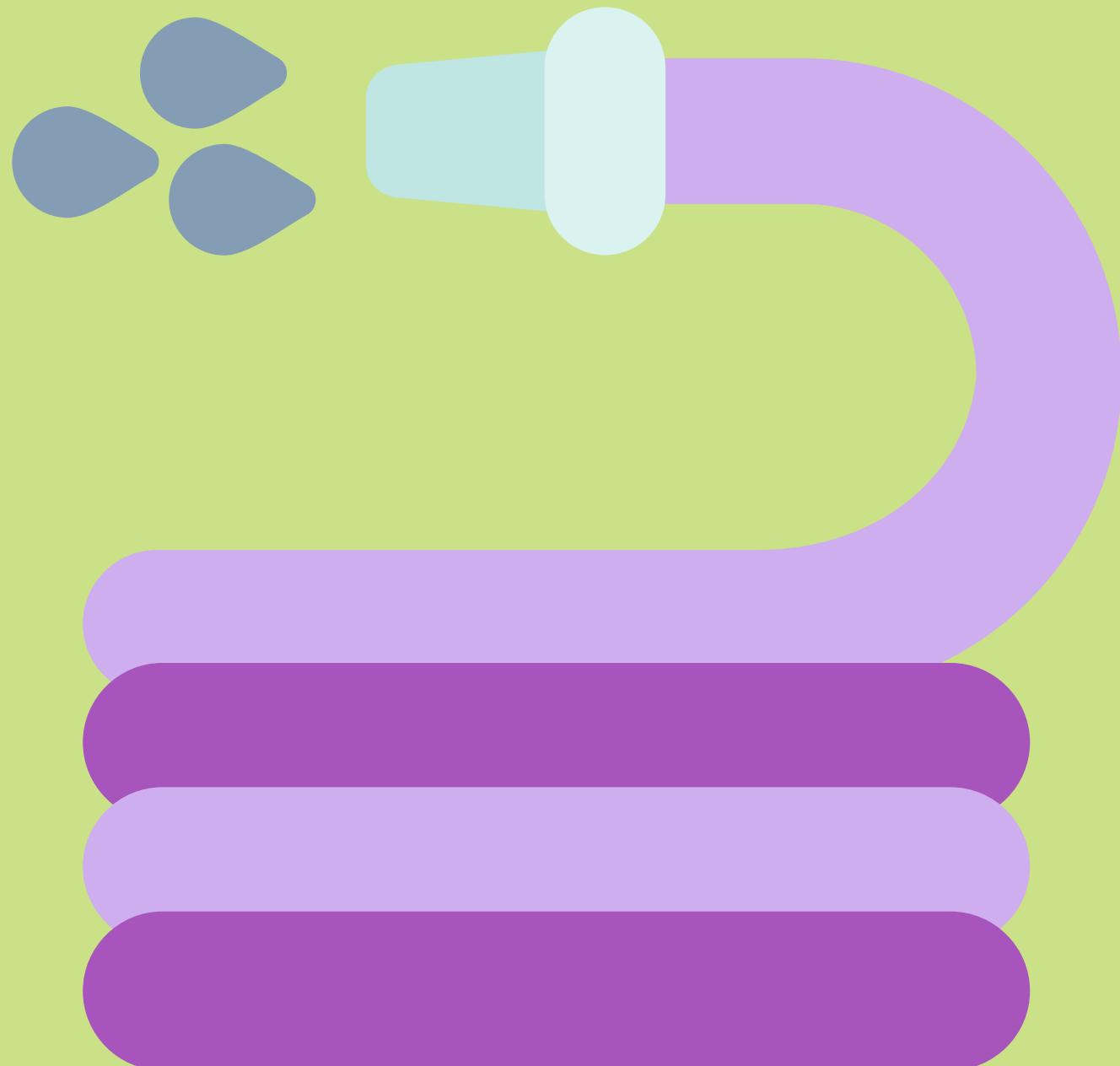
Maintain a safe distance from structures, trees, and power lines.



SUPERVISE CONSTANTLY

Never leave a debris burn unattended.

Assign a responsible person to monitor the burning at all times, and have firefighting tools, such as a hose, shovel, and rake, readily available.



PREPARE A FIREBREAK

Establish a firebreak by clearing a perimeter around the burning site.

This bare-soil area acts as a barrier, preventing the fire from spreading beyond the intended location.



START SMALL



Begin with a small burn pile and gradually add debris as the fire establishes.

This helps maintain control and reduces the risk of the fire spreading uncontrollably.

WATER SOURCE

Have a water source nearby, such as a hose or buckets of water, to quickly extinguish any flames that may escape the burn area.



Ensure the water source is easily accessible.

AVOID BURNING ON WINDY DAYS

Wind can quickly carry embers and sparks, leading to uncontrolled fires.



Refrain from burning on windy days, and be aware of wind direction during the burn to prevent sparks igniting surrounding areas.

EXTINGUISH COMPLETELY



After burning, thoroughly extinguish the fire with water.

Stir the ashes and coals to ensure no hot spots remain.

Feel the ashes with the back of your hand to confirm they are cool to the touch.

REPORT ESCAPED FIRES PROMPTLY

If the fire escapes the burn area, report it immediately to the local fire department.

Time is crucial in preventing the spread of wildfires.



USE BURN BARRELS SAFELY

If using burn barrels, ensure they have proper ventilation and screens to prevent sparks from escaping.



Position the barrel on a non-combustible surface and follow safety guidelines.