

# 2023 prescribed burning operations begin next week in Whitehorse

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Wildfire officials are organizing a series of prescribed burns in the Whitehorse area that could, under favorable weather conditions, start as soon as Monday afternoon.

Spring prescribed fire operations are one way that [Wildland Fire Management strategically reduces fire risk near communities](#). When the snow melts it leaves behind dry, flammable organic litter like dead grass and leaves.

During the period where this litter dominates open spaces before new grass can grow there is a high fire danger. Controlled burning reduces that danger while helping fresh grass grow more quickly by clearing the ground.

In Whitehorse, burning is planned for [the following areas](#):

- Trails south of Porter Creek
- Long Lake Road
- Range Road
- Takhini North
- Hidden Lakes
- Robert Service Boulevard
- Copper Haul Road
- Mary Lake
- Whitehorse Cadet Camp

During a prescribed burn, people should expect to see emergency vehicles in the area. When burning grassy areas, smoke can be visible but is usually light and short-lived.

Wildland Fire Management will announce specific burning operations as they take place on [Yukon Protective Services social media](#) and, where appropriate, directly to community members who might see the operation.

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