

Fire Prevention & Management

A Farmer's Guide to Fire Safety in Ghana



1. Understanding Bush Fire Management



Bush Fire Management means keeping your farm safe from dangerous fires.

It's like protecting your farm from big, hot flames that can destroy everything

We will show you how to prevent and control these fires to keep your farm safe.

2. Know the Fire Management Laws



P.N.D.C.L. 229 Control and Prevention of Bush Fire. (Law, 1990)

To suppress, prevent and control bush fires.

Except as otherwise provided under this law, it is unlawful for any person to start a bush fire for any purpose whatsoever.

There shall be established in every town, area or unit, a Fire Volunteer Squad.

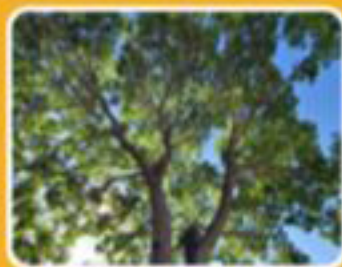
Any person who starts a fire permitted by this Law shall control the spread of the fire.

Where any damage is caused by a fire set by an employee of the organisation, such organisation or individual shall be held responsible for the damage.

3. Safe Fire Management Practices



Use sand in absence of water to extinguish small fires.



Plant recommended fire resistant trees around your farm (*Khaya senegalensis*).



Create fire belts 20m apart from farms to stop on coming fires.



Create bare ground firebreaks around your farm, plantation or home



Avoid burning of farmlands after weeding during the dry season.



Never fight bushfires against the wind, especially on windy days.



Blow an alarm when fire is spotted close to a farmland.



Call in the Ghana National Fire Service (112 / 192) to help in fight large fires.



Make sure you extinguish any cigarette and not just throw it away after smoking.



Keep water supply and shovel close to farmlands.

4. Preventing Fires on Your Farm

Dos



Create a fire hole (Dakota) when cooking on farm to prevent fire from spreading.



Educate family members on bushfire prevention.



Clear surrounding bush or weeds manually with hoes or cutlass in the dry season.



Tap palm wine without fire.

Don'ts



Do not cook with naked fires on the farm.



Do not tap palm wine with fire.



Children should not play with fire around the farmland.



Do not leave open fires unattended.

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